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*Keys For The Future*





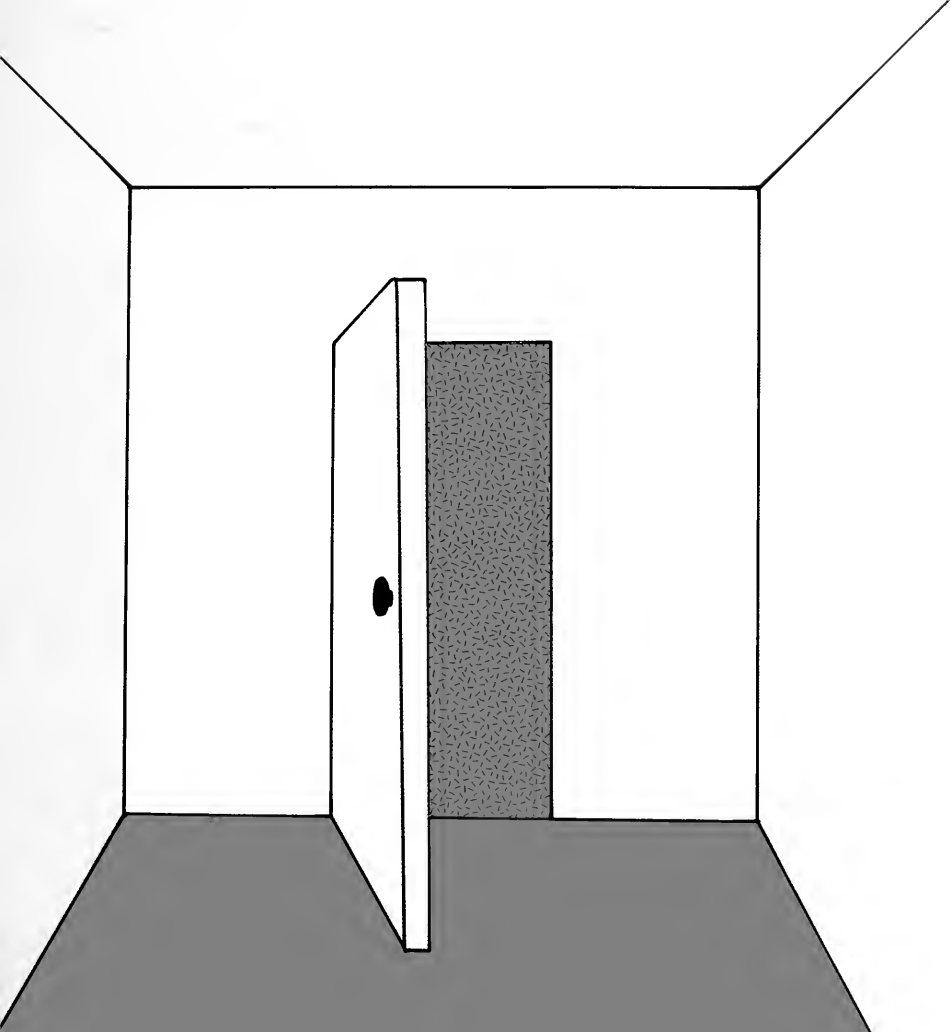
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# In memory of Glen Wesley Bolenbaugh, Jr. July 6, 1969-May 3, 1987

## Book of Life

Life is like an open book,  
There's a page for every day.  
And, as each page is turned,  
A day has slipped away.

Each one's life is destined,  
To some, it may be in infancy.  
For others it may be in golden years,  
It's a plan no one can foresee.

Glenn Jr. was only seventeen,  
The pages of his life's book barely begun.  
When an accident suddenly took him,  
Before the rising of a Sunday morning sun.

It took only just an accident,  
On May 3rd, eleven after four,  
A twist of fate took him  
To Heaven's open door.

There's many pages of his book left,  
And the book is now put away.  
But it will be reopened again,  
On God's great judgment day.

By Alice Kline 5-4-87



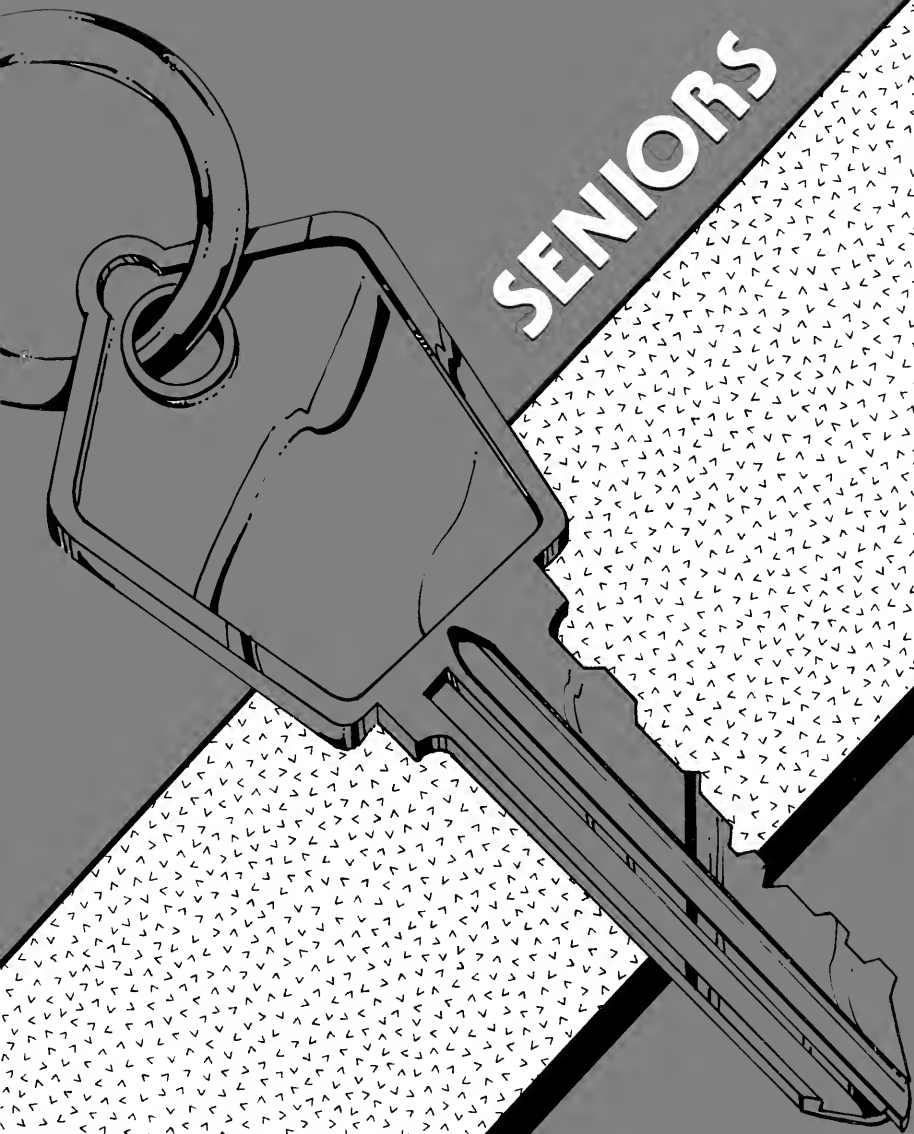
We, the graduating class of '88 dedicate this yearbook to Glen W. Bolenbaugh, Jr. Glen was active in reserve basketball for two years and in baseball one year. He was enrolled in Engine Auto Mechanics at Vantage Vocational School and was a junior.

Glen always had a warm, friendly

smile for everyone and a lot of kind words to say about his friends. We are glad to have had the opportunity of knowing him. There will never be another one like him, and he will always be remembered.

On May 3, 1987, Glen was tragically taken in an automobile accident.

SENIORS



# Decisions that seniors make now are the keys to their futures



Kelly Lynn Agler



Lori Jo Ainsworth



Mira Backstrom



Pamela S. Balliet



Sheila Renee Chilcote



Scott William Close



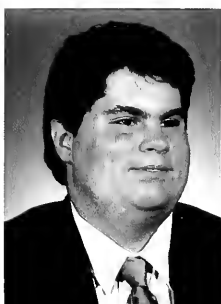
Kara Lea Fallis



Angela Rose High



Charles William Howard



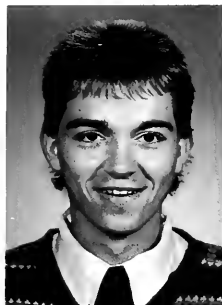
Arthur Kent Linn



Jon Eric Lloyd



Gregory Lunsford



Christopher Marbaugh



Oriie Nakama



Tammy D. Overmyer



Jon Eric Rollins



Melissa Salazar



Gary Wilson Schaad



Erik E. Stuckey

## College? Marriage? Work? Armed Forces? Family?

As a senior, it feels like the entire year is spent making choices. Some seniors need to choose the college that is best suited for them. Others plan to work after graduation or get married.

A senior also needs to accept more responsibility than ever before. With term papers, college applications, announcements, and other deadlines to meet, the pressure is on.

The senior class held a fund raiser in which they sold candy, magna pockets, stationery, and posters. The money went towards the class trip in April. They also participated in an intra-mural door decorating contest at Christmas time and won.

The class trip was to Toronto, Canada, and lasted for three fun-filled days. Some of the sights we enjoyed were the CN Tower, Casa Loma, and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Senior exchange students had to choose to leave home for a year out of their lives. As Oriie Nakama said, "The reason we wanted to come here was to learn the language and learn more about American people and their culture. We also wanted to make new foreign friends. We came here because we wanted to tell you Americans about our own country's culture, language, and people. So far we've succeeded in learning about the USA, but we hope there's more to come."

Just think, after May 29 we'll be on our own without parents, teachers, or guidance counselors pushing us to get things done. The thought of graduation is scary, but progress can't be stopped. We feel closer, and the ties between us as classmates grow stronger as graduation draws nearer. Friends will have gone but not be forgotten.

LORD,  
YOU  
GIVE ME  
ALL THAT  
I NEED;



MY FUTURE  
IS IN YOUR HANDS.

*Our class motto is: Make today better than yesterday, and tomorrow better than today!*

*Our class flower is the white rose.*

*Our class colors are burgundy and gray.*



Class officers: Pam Balliet, Vantage Rep.; Kent Linn, Student Council; Tammy Overmyer, Secretary; Kara Fallis, Treasurer; Sheila Chilcote, Vice President; and Jon Lloyd, President.

## SENIOR PROPHECY

*It is the year 2008. Twenty years ago today the class of 1988 graduated from high school. We planned to meet at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto where we had stayed on our Senior class trip.*

*As we walk into the lobby, we hear children's voices. There sat Lori Ainsworth with her husband and four children. She told us that she was still cleaning schools, but now had her four kids helping her.*

*After talking with Lori, we see Greg Lunsford, Erik Stuckey, and Jon Rollins on the way to the elevator. Erik was talking about his bowling alley he had opened and that he was going to bowl professional leagues. Greg was telling us how his band, The Spasmatics, had just finished touring Europe. As for Jon, he was a big surprise. He finally settled down after ten years of a wild life and started one of the biggest pig farms in Ohio.*

*When we came out of the elevator we ran into Kent Linn and Jon Lloyd. We were so amazed to see that Jon had a white collar on. He informed us that he did open a morgue, but unfortunately he couldn't handle the pressure so he became a priest. Kent told us that he opened a pizza joint but lost money and had to shut it down for awhile.*

*As we walked into Angela's room, there sat Mira Backstrom, Orie Nakama, and Pam Balliet. Pam was giving Mira and Orie a new look. She said that's what she gives everyone who comes into her beauty shop. Orie told us that she went back to Japan and became an English teacher, even though she couldn't speak it very well in the U.S. Mira, being the wild thing that she is, returned to Finland and finished school, and then started Backstrom's Brewery.*

*As we headed down to Kara's room, we ran into Tammy Overmyer and Sheila Chilcote. Tammy was showing Sheila all the new fashions she had designed for Sheila's Broadway feature.*

*When we opened the door to Kara's room, there sat Kelly Agler and Missy Salazar. Kelly said she married a cop and opened her own daycare center in Van Wert. Missy informed us that she was the proud owner of Missy's Mexican Munchies and that the business was doing very well.*

*All of a sudden we heard some weird noises coming from the hall. It was Scott Close, Chuck Howard, and Gary Schaadtt rapping to LL Cool J. When we finally got them to stop rapping, Chuck informed us that he started a company that makes a new hair tonic. His product that he made was called Armor All for Your Hair. Scott said that all those pictures he took for the yearbook paid off because he got a job taking pictures of Playboy models, and he said he was loving every minute of it. Gary, on the other hand, didn't have much luck. He tried to become another Larry Bird, but unfortunately only got the manager's job. He says he's still trying to become a part of the team.*

*As we were on our way to eat, Chris Marbaugh stumbled in the door. We thought nothing of it, because he was always late for everything in high school.*

*As for Kara and I, Kara finished school at Northwestern Business College and went on to travel around the world with the travel agency she works at. Well, for me, I married Greg and became the owner of Sully's Slop.*

*After a wild and crazy reunion, we planned to meet at the Westbury Hotel in another 20 years.*

*by Angela and Kara*



Mira Backstrom and American parents



Pam Ballet and parents



Scott Close and parents



Kara Fallis and parents



Kent Linn and parents



Jon Lloyd and parents





Chris Marbaugh and parents



Orie Nakama and American parents



Jon Rollins and parents



Gary Schaadt and mother and Coach Scott

## Seniors honored for their dedication to winter sports

On February 26, 1988, the seniors who were involved in winter sports and related activities were honored. Altogether, ten seniors were recognized for their contributions to boys' basketball, cheerleading, pep band, and as statisticians.

Senior night activities took place during the half-time of the JV basketball game against Lincolnview. Each senior's mother received a corsage, and the seniors' parents escorted them across the gym floor. The standing-room-only crowd showed its appreciation for each senior's hard work and dedication to OC-L. The realization that this might be the last senior night held in our gymnasium made the evening very emotional.

Seniors honored were Scott Close, Jon Rollins, Gary Schaadt, and Chris Marbaugh, varsity basketball; Kara Fallis, cheerleading; Mira Backstrom, Orie Nakama, Pam Balliet, and Jon Lloyd, statisticians; and Kent Linn, pep band.

# 1988 Seniors open Toronto's doors

On Thursday morning, April 21, 16 seniors and their chaperones met at the unbelievable hour of 4:00 a.m. to travel to Toronto for 3 fun-filled days. We took a long bus ride to Windsor and then a 4-hr. train trip to Toronto. After taking our luggage to our rooms (the ones that were clean) we took a bus tour of the city, ending at the CN Tower. After touring the CN Tower, we ate dinner at Ed's Warehouse.

Friday we went to the Ontario Science Center and shopping at Eaton Centre. That evening some of us ate at Victoria Station. Ask Kara about the gorgeous waiter! On Saturday we shopped and got ready to leave the hotel. While we were all in Mrs. Minnig's room ready to leave the hotel, there was a demonstration against Nuclear War going on. Then we were scared by a false fire alarm at the hotel. We then had a long bus ride home. We would like to thank Mrs. Minnig, Mr. and Mrs. Coutts, Mr. and Mrs. Salazar, Mr. and Mrs. Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. Fallis, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd for putting up with our complaints, our music, and our jokes.

1. Chuck Howard, Angela High, and Jon Rollins. 2. Chuck Howard and Gary Schaadt hamming it up on the train. 3. Class of '88 at the train station. 4. Missy Salazar, Kelly Agler, Kara Fallis, and Orie Nakama in hotel room at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto.





1. Enjoying the bus tour of Toronto. 2. Chuck Howard and Erik Stuckey on the train. 3. Orie Nakama and Kara Fallis at CN Tower. 4. Tammy Overmyer, Jon Rollins, Mira Backstrom, Kelly Agler, and Angela High at CN Tower. 5. Orie Nakama and Mira Backstrom relaxing on the train. 6. Scott Close and Kara Fallis watching movies at the hotel.

OC-L's final  
Homecoming  
created  
"Everlasting  
Memories."



1. 1988 Homecoming Court: Row 1: Ryan Parrish and Jessica Chilcote. Row 2: Tim Metz, Anissa Tickle, Bob Rice, Lori Tullis, Rich Kline, Jeri Fortney, Jon Rollins, Sheila Chilcote, Scott Close, Angela High, Erik Stuckey, and Kara Fallis. 2. Seniors Jon Rollins and Sheila Chilcote. 3. Seniors Erik Stuckey and Kara Fallis. 4. Seniors Scott Close and Angela High.

Page 13: 1. Sheila Chilcote is named queen. 2. 1987 Queen Lisa Allmandinger crowns Sheila. 3. Jon Rollins kisses the new queen. 4. Juniors Rich Kline and Jeri Fortney. 5. Sophomores Bob Rice and Lori Tullis. 6. Freshmen Tim Metz and Anissa Tickle. 7. Ringbearer Ryan Parrish and Flower Girl Jessica Chilcote. 8. The Court enjoying the varsity game.



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As January 9 came and passed, many "Everlasting Memories" were created as Senior Sheila Chilcote was crowned the 1988 OC-L Homecoming queen.

The ceremony took place during half-time of the JV basketball game in the OC-L gym. Before the actual ceremony began, all former OC-L Homecoming queens who were present were honored.

As the ceremony began, freshman attendant Anissa Tickle with her escort, JV basketball player Tim Metz, entered to the song "Friends," by Micheal W. Smith.

Lori Tullis, sophomore attendant, walked into the gym to the song, "Greatest Love of All," to meet her escort, JV basketball player Bob Rice.

Varsity co-captain Rich Kline escorted junior attendant Jeri Fortney to the song of "Somewhere Out There," the theme from "An American Tail."

As flower girl Jessica Chilcote and ring bearer Ryan Parrish entered the gym the big moment grew closer.

Senior attendant Sheila Chilcote met her escort, varsity co-captain Jon Rollins, to the song "Memories" from the production "Cats."

Erik Stuckey and senior attendant Kara Fallis entered to the song, "Crazy for You."

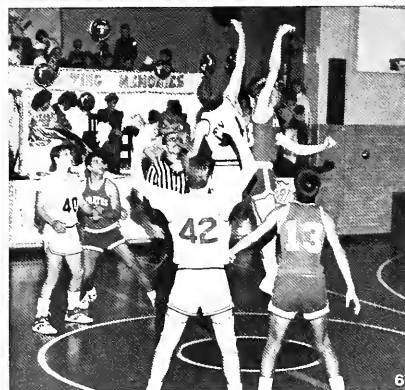
Angela High, along with varsity basketball player Scott Close, walked in to the song, "When You Look at Me."

As the long-awaited moment arrived, 1987 Homecoming queen Lisa Allmendinger announced the 1988 Homecoming queen to be Miss Sheila Chilcote. The audience applauded as Sheila received a kiss and a bouquet of roses from her escort.

Jon Lloyd was narrator for the evening, while Mrs. Marie Markward served as pianist.



1. Lori Tullis preparing for the big evening. 2. Angela High. 3. Flower girl Jessica Chilcote and her mother, Chris. 4. Anissa Tickle practicing her smile. 5. Kara Fallis finding her bouquet.



1. The Homecoming Court before entering the gym. 2. Angela High and Chuck Howard enjoying the Homecoming dancing. 3. Discussing the night with Queen Sheila. 4. Gary Schaadt, Kara Fallis, Chuck Howard, and Queen Sheila Chilcote during the dance. 5. More dance scenes. 6. Action during the varsity ballgame. 7. Junior attendant Jeri Fortney before the Homecoming ceremonies.

# Keys to the past found in baby photographs

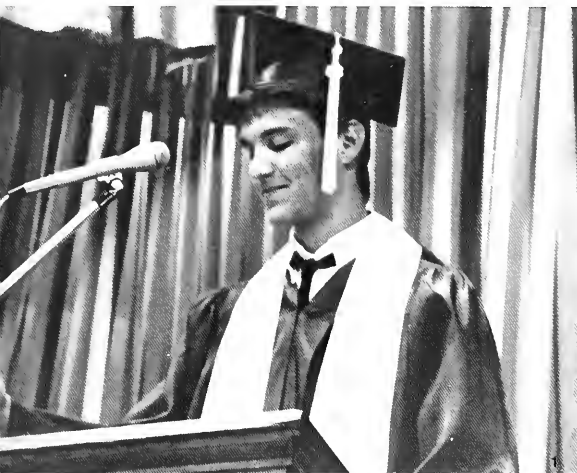


1. Tammy Overmyer 2. Jon Rollins 3. Sheila Chilcote 4. Greg Lunsford 5. Mira Backstrom 6. Jon Lloyd 7. Angela High 8. Orle Nakama 9. Kara Falls 10. Chuck Howard 11. Gary Schaeft 12. Pam Balliet 13. Lori Ainsworth 14. Kelly Agler 15. Erik Stuckey 16. Scott Close 17. Missy Salazar 18. Chris Marbaugh



## Graduation day closes the doors to the past and opens doors to the future

1. Valedictorian Scott Close. 2. Finnish exchange student Mira Backstrom. 3. Japanese exchange student Orie Nakama. 4. Baccalaureate speaker Rev. Tim Eding addressing the graduating class.



On May 30, 1988, nineteen OC-L seniors entered the gym to "Pomp and Circumstance." The anticipated moment of graduation had finally arrived. Pastor Brad Adams began the ceremony by giving the invocation. Class president Jon Lloyd welcomed the audience and introduced Japanese exchange student Orie Nakama. Orie lived with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hoffman this school year. After speaking, Orie introduced Finnish exchange student Mira Backstrom. Mira was a guest of Mr. & Mrs. Brad Scheidt this year. The choir, directed by Mr. Ken Emmerine, sang "Go with a Song in Your Heart" and "Flying Free." Class valedictorian Scott Close spoke about future challenges. Rev. Tim Eding was baccalaureate speaker. He emphasized the need for spiritual help in the graduates' futures and even "clowned around." Superintendent Robert Miller congratulated the class and presented the valedictorian award to Scott Close and the salutatorian award to Sheila Chilcote. Principal Ron Rase presented the class to the Board of Education. Board members Becky Motycka and John Rollins presented diplomas. Rev. Adams gave the benediction. Junior ushers were Mike Boroff, Tammy Stoller, Angie Evans, Shawn Ernie, and Lydia Salazar; organist was Mrs. Sharon Witten. OC-L's final senior class had graduated.



1. Nervous seniors before the ceremony. 2. Jon Rollins receiving his diploma from his father. 3. Pam Balliet and Kent Linn before donning caps and gowns. 4. Chris Marbaugh and

Chuck Howard getting ready. 5. Superintendent Robert Miller presenting valedictorian award to Scott Close. 6. Principal Ron Rase presenting the 1988 graduating class.



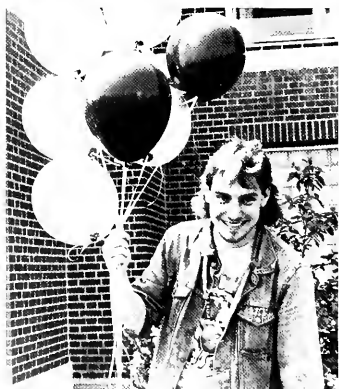


## Today's ceremony evokes memories of past graduations

1. Choir members Pam Balliet, Anna Overmyer, Tammy Stoller, Orie Nakama, Angie Evans, Tanya Clouse, Virginia Stoller, & Tina Murphy. 2. Mira Backstrom, Orie Nakama, & Angela High checking over the program. 3. Kelly Agler. 4. Getting ready to line up for the processional. 5. Changing the tassels. 6. Seniors Jon Lloyd & Sheila Chicote and usher Mike Boroff. 7. Listening to Rev. Eding's message.



# The times of our lives



1. The Class of '88. 2. Sheila Chilcote, Kara Fallis, and Chris Marbaugh enjoying a treat in senior English. 3. Kara Fallis, Jon Rollins, Sheila Chilcote, and Chris Marbaugh in recessional. 4. Greg Lunsford during Olympic games. 5. Mira Backstrom receiving her diploma from Mrs. Becky Motychka. 6. Pam Balliet. 7. Gary Schaadt, Angela High, Chuck Howard, and Jon Lloyd in the library.





UNDERCLASSMEN



1. Erik Stuckey, Engine/Auto. 2. Tina Eutler, OWE. 3. Mary Hall, Food Services. 4. Pam Balliet, Cosmetology.





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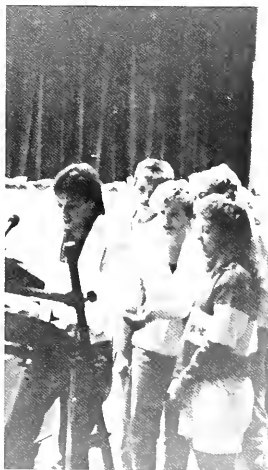
## Vantage students earn the key to careers

1. Kelly Agler and Lori Ainsworth, Child Care. 2. Tammy Overmyer, Office Technology. 3. Jon Rollins, Industrial Mechanics.

Thirteen OC-L students attended Vantage JVS this year. These students know the vocations they plan to pursue after graduation, and attending Vantage gives them actual experience so they will be prepared to begin those careers as soon as they graduate. A typical day for a Vantage student would include bookwork in subjects related to his or her main field, one-half day in lab for hands-on experience, and traditional subjects such as English, government, and economics. Each area also has a club and competes with other vocational schools on a state and national level. Students not pictured include: Yvonne Carr, Administrative Secretarial; Brenda Hurless, Food Services; Tanya Chavarria, Cosmetology; Melissa Salazar, Food Services; and Bob Hundley, OWE.



1. Shawn Ernie and Jon Lloyd. 2. Anissa Tickle introducing her locker. 3. Lydia Salazar and Mira Backstrom. 4. Chris Marbaugh, Sheila Chilcote, Carla Voltz, Bryan Lunsford, and Angie Evans assisting in an assembly. 5. Aaron Brown and Nikki Lloyd during Spirit Week.







## Good times at OC-L



1. Scott Close and Karla Bowen. 2. High school students in the hall during Spirit Week. 3. Mira Backstrom and Lydia Salazar. 4. Jeff Lape and Tim Metz in study hall. 5. Cory Carmean, Jennifer Stetler, and Josh Stetler. 6. Mike Boroff getting made up for the play.

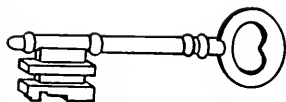


# JUNIORS

Mike Boroff  
Karla Bowen  
Yvonne Carr  
Tanya Chavarria



Angie Edsall  
Shawn Ernie  
Angie Evans  
Jeri Fortney



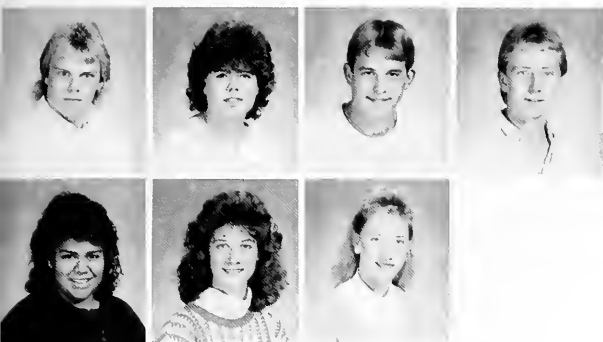
Karla B. and Shawn E. enjoy Thanksgiving



Rich Kline dissecting in Anatomy.

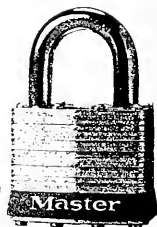


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Mike Green  
Mary Hall  
Rich Kline  
Monroe Murphy

Lydia Salazar  
Tammy Stoller  
Carla Voltz



Carla Voltz hanging up locker decorations for Pep Club.

As Juniors, this year we discovered the key to fun through sports and relaxation. In the winter months we spent our weekends playing basketball, cheerleading, and selling concessions. After a ballgame, our favorite place to go was Pizza Hut. There the teenagers of Van Wert County would meet and socialize before cruising would begin.

As a class, we began to work together to plan for our Junior-Senior Prom. Our theme was "In the Air Tonight." This proved to be a very big responsibility, but was fun to do.

Many of us were very involved with activities inside and outside of school life. Our class members could be found babysitting, working, attending 4-H, and even modeling.

We are all looking forward to summer. Five of us are going to France in June, and two are going to Boys State and Girls State.

# Sophomores

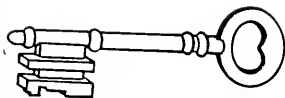
Chris Amweg  
Jamie August  
Aaron Brown  
Cory Carmean  
Jamie Carr



Tanya Clouse  
Miguel de la Fuente  
Tina Eutsler  
Kelly Gallaway  
Tim Matthews



Allan Murphy



Tina Murphy correcting perfect lines.



Tim Matthews at his locker.



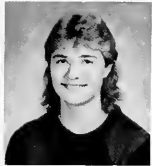
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Tina Murphy  
Bob Rice  
Tom Ries  
Donna Russell, absent  
Vicky Rutledge



Ryan Spieth  
Trisha Stuckey  
Derek Stuckey  
Lori Tullis  
Stacy Wagoner



Vicki Williams



Aaron Brown and Cory Carmean in Phys. Ed. class.

This year the sophomore class got "keyed" up over getting our drivers' licenses and car keys. Many of us also got lessons on the responsibility which comes with driving. To earn our car keys, we had to attend many hours of lectures on basics like always wearing a seat belt, using turn signals, and coming to a complete stop at stop signs. We also had to spend eight hours "cruising" around the big cities of Ohio City, Van Wert, and Rockford with our drivers ed. instructors.

Everywhere you looked this year you could see at least one sophomore participating in extra-curricular activities. Being able to drive made it much easier on Mom and Dad when we needed to stay after school for sports, Beta, yearbook staff, etc. We were proud to have Lori Tullis as our attendant and Bob Rice as her escort for the 1988 Homecoming festivities.

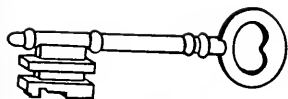
As money-making projects, we sold "Warrior Pride" t-shirts, held a dance, and sold carnations for Valentine's Day.

# Freshmen

Brad Baker  
Jeremy Coutts  
Leigh Fortney  
Jerry Freewalt



Adam Kimmel  
Jeff Lape  
Nikki Lloyd  
Tom Lyons



Josh Stetler reading his yearbook.



Jerry F. & Adam K. learning the Heimlich maneuver.

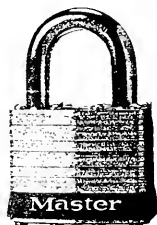


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Clint Marbaugh  
Tim Metz  
Dewayne  
Mottinger  
Brian Murphy  
Jason Rollins

Josh Stetler  
Raymond  
Stevens  
Anissa Tickle  
Scott Walker  
Aaron Wortman



Nikki Lloyd, Clint Marbaugh and Jason Rollins studying in personal economics.

Starting high school includes many good and bad experiences. Many decisions are made in your freshman year, like choosing class rings, deciding if you are going to college, Vantage or another route, and if you will participate in high school sports.

Some of us were scared at first because we didn't know what to expect from the classes we were taking. It is hard to be the youngest in high school. It is also fun, because you're in high school and out of elementary and Jr. High. After you get in high school, it seems like you have more freedom. Curfews are later, you're allowed to do more things with other kids, and most parents trust their kids to make more decisions than ever before.

This year the Freshmen class opened the door to many new extra-curricular activities.

As a money-making project our class sold necklaces, rings, earrings, and bracelets that were either sterling silver or 10 K gold. We made over \$750 from this project.

# 8th Graders key up for high school

Brad Agler  
Carey Burke  
Trent Dawson  
Natalie Deam  
Marlen de la Fuente



John Eyink  
Andrew Hill  
Troy Hoffman  
Kurt Kline  
Bryan Lunsford



Ginny Marbaugh  
Anna Overmyer  
Brandy Robey  
Keith Prichard  
Eddie Quinones



Kristi Rice  
Benji Salazar  
Virginia Stoller  
Nikki Waterman  
Karrie Wilson



Jeffrey Wittung  
Paul Zimmerman



Karrie Wilson, Virginia Stoller,  
and Nikki Waterman show off  
their home economics accom-  
plishments.





# 7th Graders unlock the teen years



Sheri Adelblue  
Jason Ainsworth  
Carmen Army  
Michele August  
Scott Bigham



Scott Edsall  
Stacy Ehman  
Alecia Eller  
Chad Fallis  
Jason Freewalt



Brandy Friemoth  
Terry Hanjora  
Jana Lape  
Hollis Gaskill, absent  
Teresa Gaskill, absent



Robert Panning  
Brian Rickard  
Melinda Ricketts  
Jennifer Stetler  
Chad Walker



Shuntull Whited  
Jay Zizelman



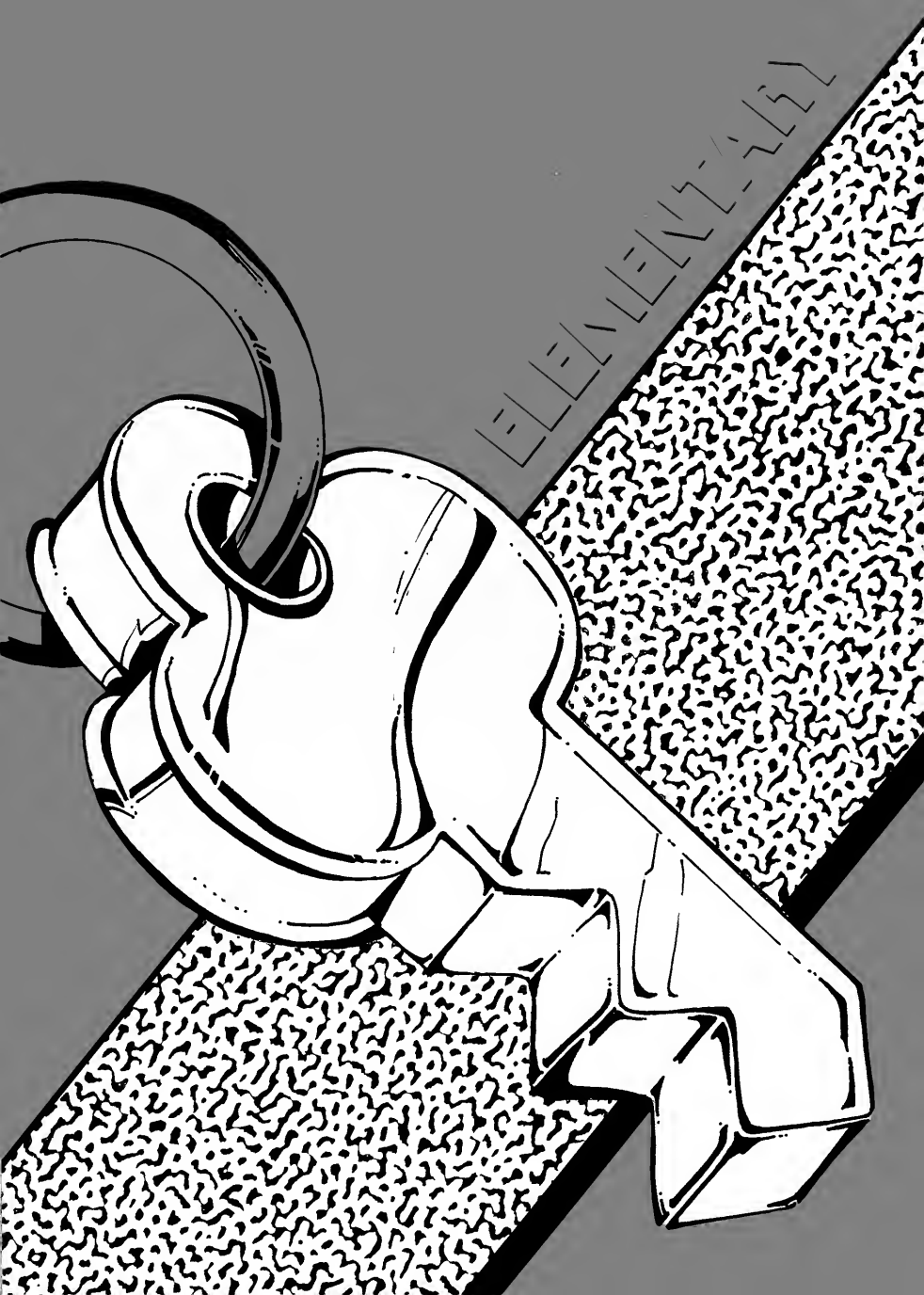
Jay Zizelman, Stacy Ehman, and Jennifer Stetler get excited about math class.

# Jr. High at work and play



1. Eighth grade in reading class. 2. Michelle August enjoying herself at the Homecoming dance. 3. Seventh graders in math. 4. Spelling bee runner-up Scott Edsall and winner Teresa Gaskill. 5. Kristi Rice dancing. 6. Jr. High girls having fun at the Homecoming dance. 7. Ginny Marbaugh, Nikki Waterman, and Karrie Wilson trying to be creative in art.





# Sixth graders close the door on grade school

Nikki Agler  
Chad Bennett  
Scott Bigham  
April Bolenbaugh  
Brandon Breece  
Tara Chilcote



Josh Coutts  
Tom Davis  
Nathan Deam  
Chris Frost  
Angie George  
Jacque Heizman



Vicki Hill  
Matthew McWilliams,  
absent  
Dana Mottinger  
Chantal Motycka  
Jeff Oechsle  
Larry Panning



Jan Rice  
Mike Rice  
Joyce Roberts  
Lori Salazar  
Mandi Simon  
Shane Tickle



Shay Vaske  
Cory Zimmerman



# Fifth graders learn the key steps in a science fair project



Clint Ainsworth  
Cindy Baker  
Jeremy Bankey  
Heather Boroff  
Brandon Breeze



Ty Courtney  
Robbie Davis  
Tonya Dawson  
Jimmy Denman  
Keith Dicke



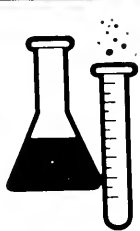
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Tressa Hundley



Jacob Jones  
Jenny Kimmel  
Jamie Matthews  
Carlos Maydon  
Donnie O'Day



Priscilla Quinones  
Jill Rice  
Stephen Snyder  
Crystal Stuckey  
Amy Weaver



# Fourth graders learn the key to math through multiplication and division problems

Ashley Ainsworth  
Christian Amweg  
Pamela Bigham  
Brent Bolenbaugh  
Vicki Carr



Bobby Dicke  
Sheila Gallaway  
Sean Hooks  
Meghan  
Leiendecker  
Chip Lyons



Gabriel McConn  
Christina Okuly  
Micheal Panning  
Heidi Rathert  
Gary Dean Rice

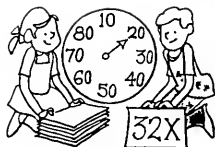


Timothy Rickard  
Mindi Waterman  
Angela Wortman



We can use the group-  
ing property.

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# Third graders learn state names and capitals as a key to geography



Daniel Amweg  
Steven Bolenbaugh  
Jason Coutts  
Elisabeth Davis  
Jeremiah Eller  
Joshua Ellinger



David Heizman  
Chad Hileman  
Rebekah Hill  
Travis Hoffman  
Jody Kline  
Stephanie Kohn



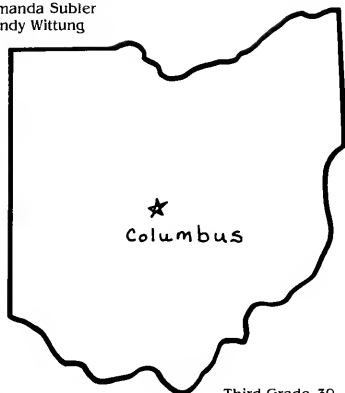
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Stephen Nieto  
Nicole Rager  
Serena Renner



Abigail Rhoades  
Scott Rison  
Shella Roberts  
Kara Rodgers  
Tara Rodgers  
Kirk Sammett



Erin Scheidt  
David Slates  
Amanda Subler  
Cindy Wittung



# Second graders unlock the mystery of cursive writing

Holly Agler  
Christian August  
Steven Bear  
Tiffani Bowen



Aaron Clifton  
Beth Denman  
Chad Dicke  
Nicholas Furlley



Brandi Hileman  
Anne Keber  
Nicholas Keuneke  
Melissa Leindecker



Angela Long  
Denice Mottinger  
Crystal Peimear  
David Sammett



Amanda Wortman



*She can jump far.*



# Second graders open the gates to the Franke Park Zoo



Brent Agler  
Mandy Agler  
Melissa Breese  
Raven Clark



Timothy Eding  
Marie Gallaway  
Deborah Hall  
Anna Hanjora



Salimah Pirani  
Bobby Price  
Charlotte Ricketts  
Chris Rowe



Megan Simon  
Leslie Stoller  
Jeffery Thomas  
John Vaske



Jason Weaver



# First graders get keyed up when learning to read

Allison Ainsworth  
Amanda Army  
William Army  
Marie Bennett  
Scott Bolenbaugh



Clinton Boroff  
Amber Bowen  
Michelle Coutts  
Adam Cozad



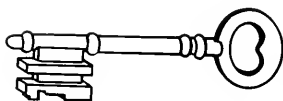
Jeremy East  
Stephanie Ehman  
Nicholas George  
Matthew Hill



Lisa Marbaugh  
Steven Muntzinger  
James Okuly  
Travis Rowe



Ryan Strickler  
Eric Swander  
Darcy Vaske  
Shanna Young



# Kindergarten students open the door of education



Matthew Amweg  
Joseph Bigham  
Cory Bryan  
Jessica Chilcote  
Brandon Clifton  
Kelly Dicke



Lisa Dicke  
Matthew East  
Dustin Fensler  
Jessie Gaskill, absent  
Tom Healy, absent  
Matthew Heizman



Andy Hepepard  
Leslie Jackson  
Bret Keber  
Joshua Keuneke  
Micah Klotz  
Cassie Kohn



Michael Krugh  
Robert Long  
Lori Matthews  
Andrew Merkle  
Becky Moody  
Kendra Motycka



Joshua Murphy  
Ryan Parrish  
Jamal Pirani  
Randy Price  
Hope Rager  
Stacy Subler



Abby Sutton  
Dusty Wheeler



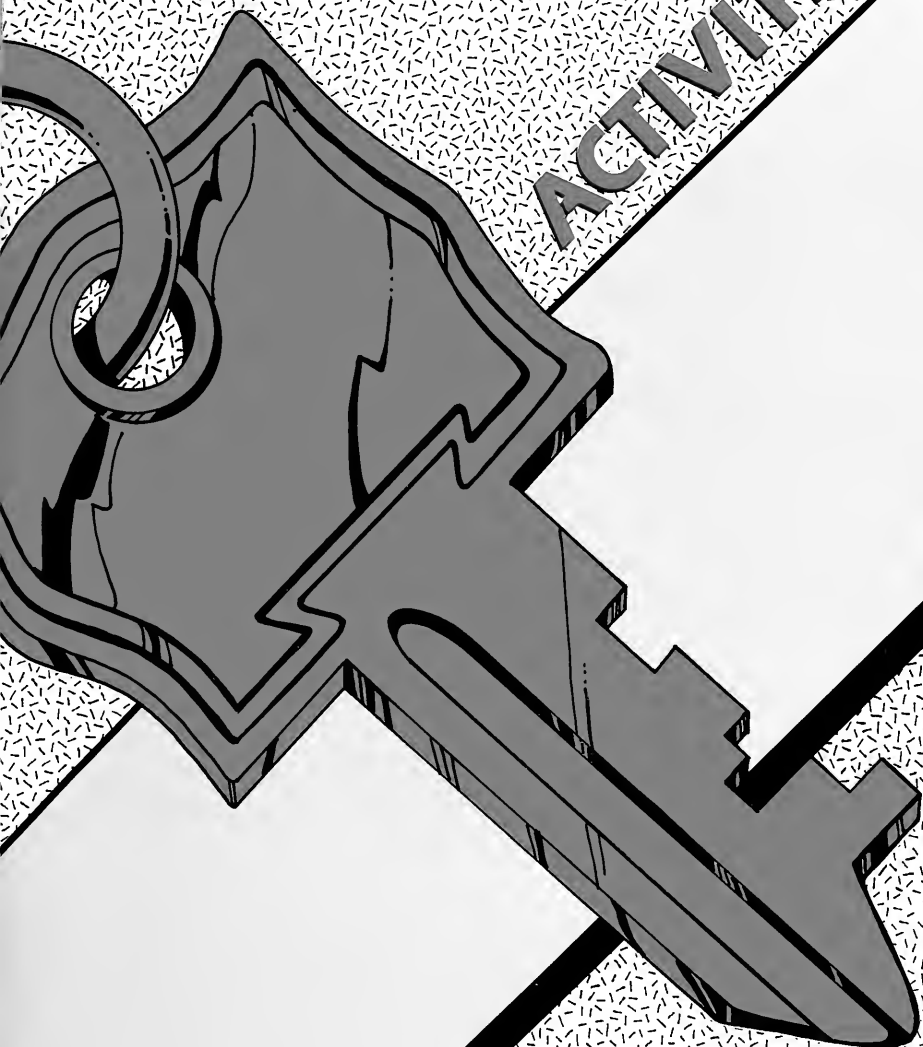
Learning is  
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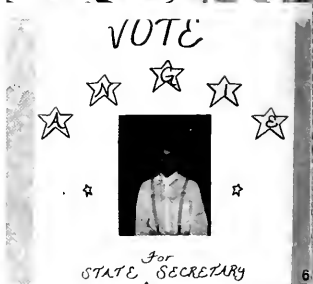
1. Kindergarten students shine at their Christmas production. 2. Great smiles, guys! 3. That Easter bunny is sure bigger than I thought he was! 4. What a hard worker! 5. Ryan Strickler, Travis Rowe, and Shanna Young hunting for Easter surprises. 6. No, you're not in trouble, Clint. 7. Mrs. Kreischer helps 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades extend their Christmas wishes through singing and sign language.



# ACTIVITIES



# Serving others is the key to Beta Club



"Let us lead by serving others" is the Beta Club's motto. This motto was demonstrated during Beta Week when we served breakfast to the school staff. We also inducted three new members at a high school assembly. Our new inductees are Jerry Freewalt, Jeremy Coutts, and Mira Backstrom. We prepared for the big convention in Columbus by working on campaign skits, talent, and our scrapbook. Eleven members attended the convention, with chaperones Mrs. Cron and Mrs. Markward. Angie Evans was our candidate for State Secretary. Her campaign slogan "Join the Beta Bunch" won her the state office. "Serving others" is the key to Beta and also each member's development as a student, a citizen, and an individual.

1. 1st row: Tanya Clouse, Kelly Gallaway, Angie Edsall. 2nd Row: Tammy Stoller, Angie Evans, Jeri Fortney, and Scott Close. 2. Officers: Tanya Clouse, Historian; Tammy Stoller, Treasurer; Angie Evans, Secretary; Scott Close, Vice President; and Jeri Fortney, President. 3. Jeri Fortney and Kelly Gallaway preparing Beta breakfast. 4. Angie Evans campaigning for State Secretary. 5. Tanya Clouse, Jeremy Coutts, and Jerry Freewalt participate in scholastic bowl competition. 6. Angie's campaign material. 7. Mira Backstrom helping with Beta breakfast.



# Campus Life offers key to religion



The OC-L Campus Life Club met twice a month before school for Bible study and monthly for fellowship. In the fall, we had a manhunt. At Christmas we had a bowling and pizza party. In April we gave advisor Vicki Cashel a surprise birthday party. The highlight of the year was when Angie Evans won the area Miss Campus Life contest. She was judged for her speech, club talent, and money raised. Club advisors were Vicki Cashel, Joe and Lynnette Wesgerdes and Paula Barickman.

Row 1: Tara Chilcote, Tammy Stoller, Vicki Hill. Row 2: Tanya Clouse, Leigh Fortney, Vicky Rutledge, Kelly Gallaway. Row 3: Vicki Cashel, Advisor, Angie Edsall, Anissa Tickle, Shella Chilcote, Angie Evans, Jana Lape, and Advisor Paula Barickman.



Miss Campus Life Angie Evans



Miss Campus Life Angie and her campaign manager, Vicky Rutledge, with runners up



# French Club members earn the keys to travel and excitement

Bon jour! Many OC-L French students had an opportunity to apply their basic French skills on an exciting 15-day overseas trip to France. A group of 14 OC-L students, 2 Celina students, and 6 chaperones left for their great adventure on June 16, 1988. The trip included such highlights as touring Paris for 4 days, visiting the Loire Valley, relaxing on the Riviera, traveling through Italy, and winding up the trip in Switzerland. Comparing the cultural differences between the U.S. and France was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Throughout the year, many activities were planned to prepare for the trip. A number of bake sales and aluminum can drives were held along with the annual cheese and beef stick sale. The club also sold geraniums in the spring. A point system was followed to record every French Club member's contributions. As the trip approached, money from the treasury was given to the members depending on their number of points.

Throughout the year a united effort on the part of French Club members led to a successful school year and culminated in a memorable trip to France.

1. 1st Row: Angie Evans, Angie Edsall, Jeri Fortney, Kelly Gallaway, and Lydia Salazar. 2nd Row: Karla Bowen, Tina Murphy, Bob Rice, Tom Ries, Vicky Rutledge, and Tanya Clouse. 3rd Row: Mrs. Cron, Tom Lyons, Jerry Freewalt, Leigh Fortney, Tim Metz, and Anissa Tickle. 4th Row: Cory Carmean, Rich Kline, Josh Stetler, Scott Walker, Aaron Wortman, Scott Close, Raymond Stevens, Adam Kimmel, and Jeremy Coutts. 2. Ambitious freshmen crushing cans. 3. Jeri Fortney selling geraniums to Amanda Army. 4. Officers: Vice president Jeri Fortney, Secretary-treasurer Tom Ries, and President Angie Evans. 5. More cans!







## Pep & Concert Bands concentrate on hitting the right key

The Pep Band performed at our home basketball games during the season. The concert band performed Christmas carols during the Christmas concert. As March arrived, Ryan Spieth, Jeff Wittung, Jerry Freewalt, Eddie Quinones, and Kristi Rice performed in the All-County Band Concert held at Lincolnview. Band members also participated in solo and ensemble contests held at Parkway. Kristi Rice, Jeff Wittung, and Chad Fallis all received a rating of 1. Karrie Wilson received a 2, and Michele August received a 3. At the spring concert, the concert band performed several selections, including "Mirage," featuring Jerry Freewalt on drums, and "Lassus Trombones," featuring Ryan Spieth and Chad Fallis. At the end of the concert, awards were presented to outstanding band members. Senior Kent Linn received his 6-year award and the John Philip Sousa Award. Jerry Freewalt received "Most Inspirational," and Chad Fallis received "Most Improved."



1. Concert band during spring concert. 2. Karrie Wilson performing flute solo that she performed at contest at Parkway. 3. Pep band: 1st row: Kent Linn, Ryan Spieth, Eddie Quinones, and Jerry Freewalt. 2nd row: Jeff Wittung and Michele August. 4. Concert band — 1st row: Michelle August, Karrie Wilson, and Kristi Rice. 2nd row: Chad Fallis, Jason Freewalt, Jeff Wittung, and Mr. Emerine. 3rd row: Kent Linn, Ryan Spieth, Eddie Quinones, Jerry Freewalt, Dwayne Mottinger, and Jeremy Coutts. 5. Spring concert.



# Emotions are unlocked by music

The small high school choir was very active. At Halloween, they put on a mini-concert for the elementary classes during school hours.

They also took part in the traditional Christmas concert. On the last school day before Christmas break, the choir went caroling at Van Wert Manor and Shane Hill Nursing Home. Also at Christmas time, they sang at the Van Wert Historical Museum.

The choir also participated in the solo and ensemble contests held in Lima in the spring.

Their last performance was at the annual spring concert in May, where they sang and danced to popular songs. At this final concert, Tanya Clouse received the Director's Award; and Tina Murphy received an appreciation award.

1. Jon Lloyd, accompanist. 2nd row: Mr. Emerine, Kelly Gallaway, Tanya Clouse, Orié Nakama, Tina Murphy, and Stacy Wagener. 2. Tanya Clouse receiving Director's Award. 3. Christmas concert. 4. Tina Murphy and Tanya Clouse during spring concert. 5. Choir caroling at Van Wert Manor Nursing Home. 6. Officers: 1st row: Tanya Clouse, librarian; Orié Nakama, vice president. 2nd row: Kelly Gallaway, president; and Stacy Wagener, secretary.





## Formal music studies begin in elementary choir and band

1. 5th grade band. 1st row: Amy Weaver, Crystal Stuckey, and Tonya Dawson. 2nd row: Cindy Baker, Keith Dicke, Rob Davis, and Clint Ainsworth. 3rd row: Priscilla Quinones, Jamie Matthews, Jacob Jones, and Stephen Snyder. 2. 6th grade band. 1st row: Nikki Agler, Vicky Hill, Jacque Heizman, Mandi Simon, and Tara Chilcote. 2nd row: Jeff Oechsle, Josh Coutts, and Angie George. 3. Elementary choir in concert. 4. Spring concert.



## Office workers use the key to service

Throughout the year, several students served as office helpers. Their assistance in answering the telephone, selling school supplies, taking attendance, and duplicating papers was much appreciated. The students learned and perfected skills which they can use in the future.



Mrs. Fox, Kara Fallis, Aaron Brown, Trent Dawson, and Angie Evans. Absent: Tammy Stoller, Angela High, and Gary Schaadt.

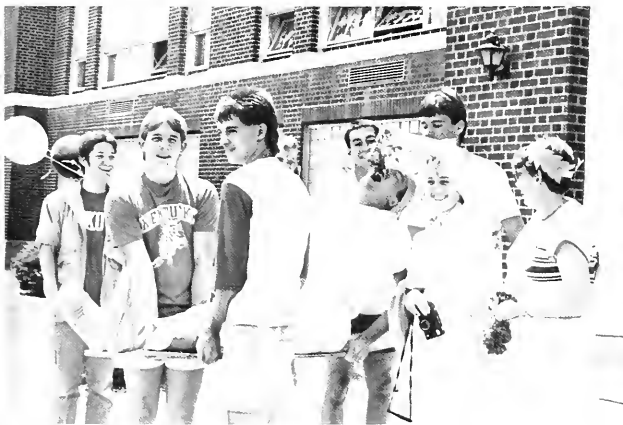
## Reading is the key to education

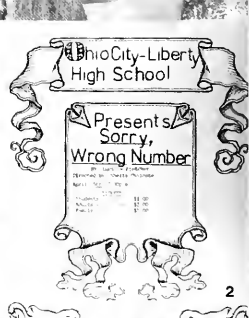
During the week of March 7-11, Right-to-Read week was celebrated at OC-L. The theme was "Let reading jog your mind." Activities which supported and encouraged reading filled the busy week. Silent reading time was a daily activity for all students K-12. Other activities were sweats and tennis shoes day, storybook character day, and read a t-shirt day. High school and jr. high students also participated by reading to the elementary classes. To wrap up the week, a popcorn party was held for the class which read the most books during the week.



# Olympic games held by elementary classes

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grades held their own Olympics in honor of the 1988 summer Olympics. They studied the Olympics in their art classes. Throughout the week, events like running races, tug-of-war contests, and discus throwing were held. The Olympics were officially started by an opening ceremony. Mr. Scott, Mrs. Bills, and Mrs. Valentine served as Greek gods and goddesses. There was a grand parade, with the band playing the Olympic theme, and the Olympic flame was lit on top of the dugout. Each grade represented a different continent. In the closing ceremony, winning participants were given bronze, silver, and gold medals.





## School play has key to suspense

Our first play in 7 years was "Sorry, Wrong Number" by Lucille Fletcher. Sheila Chilcote directed, and Rosie Coutts was drama advisor. The play takes place in New York in the early 1950's. An invalid, Mrs. Stevenson, overhears a telephone conversation planning a murder. She spends the entire evening trying to tell someone about it, but all along the plan was to kill her. Cast members were: Sheila Chilcote, Mrs. Stevenson; Angie Evans, 1st operator; Mike Boroff, man; Mira Backstrom, George; Kelly Gallaway, Miss Curtis; Brandy Robey, 2nd operator; Chad Fallis, lunch counter attendant; Jon Lloyd, Sergeant Duffy; Virginia Stoller; 3rd operator; Jeff Wittung, Western Union man; Tina Murphy, 4th operator; Natalie Deam, information; and Vicky Rutledge; hospital receptionist. Many other students helped with lighting, sound, art, and scenery.

1. Cast members and stage hands take a bow. 2. Advertisement for play. 3. Kelly Gallaway. 4. Sheila Chilcote overhears a murder plot. 5. Mira Backstrom as the villain. 6. Chad Fallis in makeup. 7. Mike Boroff in makeup. 8. Brandy Robey as an operator. 9. Jon Lloyd trying to stop a murder.



## Pep club has the key to OC-L spirit



1. Carla Voltz decorating ballplayer's locker. 2. Jams day during Pep-club sponsored Spirit Week. 3. Row 1: Nikki Waterman, Virginia Stoller, Sheri Adelblue, Natalie Deam, and Brandy Robey. Row 2: Carey Burke, Karrie Wilson, Tanya Clouse, Pam Balliet, Karla Bowen, Shawn Emie, Angie Edsall, Jennifer Stetter, Stacy Ehman, Kristi Rice, and Tammy Stoller. Row 3: Kara Fallis, Kelly Gallaway, Tanya Chavarria, Angie Evans, Jeri Fortney, Lydia Salazar, Tina Murphy, Vicky Rutledge, Anissa Tickle, and Carla Voltz.

Pep club members were active this year. They sponsored Spirit Week, and some activities included jams day, red-and-green day, sweats day, and hat day. Members also decorated basketball players' lockers before home games and provided treats for the team members. Chocolate chip cookies seemed to be the players' favorite home-baked treat.



# Teamwork and discipline keys to success for Scholastic Bowl

Our scholastic bowl team participated in 3 major events. Our 1st competition was at Lincolnview on Feb. 27. We were proud to finish in 3rd place after defeating Fairview and Crestview. Team members participating were Jon Lloyd, Angie Evans, Tom Ries, Tanya Clouse, Jeremy Coutts, and Jerry Free-walt. Our 2nd meet was at Wright State in Celina. We challenged Mendon Union, but lost. Team members were Tammy Stoller, Jon Lloyd, Scott Close, and Jeremy Coutts. Our last competition was at the State Beta convention. Our members came in 3rd. They were Jeremy Coutts, Tanya Clouse, and Jerry Freewalt. Scholastic bowl members discovered that athletics isn't the only area in which teamwork and discipline are important. They also found that academic competition can be as much fun as athletic competition.

1. 1st row: Jeremy Coutts, Jerry Freewalt, and Tammy Stoller. 2nd row: Angie Evans. 3rd row: Mrs. Cron, advisor, Tom Ries, Scott Close, Tanya Clouse, and Jon Lloyd. 2. Jerry Freewalt, Jeremy Coutts, Angie Evans, Tanya Clouse, Jon Lloyd, Mrs. Cron, and Tom Ries. 3. Jeremy, Angie, Tanya, and Tom during competition. 4. Jeremy, Jerry, Tanya, and Jon during competition.





## Student Council turns the key on Homecoming

Student Council sponsored many activities for the OC-L student body. On Halloween, a dress-up day was held, with prizes awarded. A movie was shown and popcorn sold. Student council members visited 4 area schools. Those students attending were Angie Evans, Jason Freewalt, Jon Lloyd, Tom Ries, Josh Stetler, and Virginia Stoller. The annual Homecoming festivities were sponsored, and an Easter egg hunt was held for elementary students. Jon Lloyd and Tom Ries represented OC-L at the life-size Monopoly game hosted by the Van Wert Cougar's Roar. Motivated council members were the key to a great year of fun and surprises for OC-L students.



1. 1st Row: Advisor Mrs. Bowen, Jason Freewalt, Scott Edsall, Kelly Gallaway. 2nd Row: Angie Evans, Yvonne Carr, Jeri Fortney, Virginia Stoller, Nikki Waterman. 3rd Row: Pam Balliet, Josh Stetler, Kent Linn, Tom Ries, and Jon Lloyd. 2. Officers: Jeri Fortney, President; Jon Lloyd, Secretary; Angie Evans, Vice President; and Tom Ries, Treasurer. 3. Tom Ries. 4. Josh Stetler playing the Easter bunny. 5. Scott Edsall scattering Easter candy. 6. Jon Lloyd, Angie Evans, and Virginia Stoller supervising egg hunt.

# Yearbook staff holds the key to memories of final year at OC-L

Preparation for this year's O'Citian began last June when co-editors Angie Evans and Tammy Stoller and advisor Mrs. Clouse attended a workshop at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. Even though the weather was terribly hot, we felt energized and ready to start this year's annual.

After school started, we worked diligently selling ads to help finance our book. In September, ten staff members attended a one-day workshop at Lima Technical College sponsored by our sales representative, Lou Seddelmeyer.

At Christmas, we had a pizza party at Mrs. Clouse's, where we had a gag gift exchange and watched movies.

As a money-making project, we held four cake raffles at home boys' basketball games.

This year was the first time we've attempted to use a computer program to type our copy for the yearbook. Difficulties learning this program and camera problems have made this year very frustrating at times. However, we hope this last O'Citian will be your key to your memories of how things were this final year at Ohio City-Liberty High School.



1. Co-editors Angie Evans and Tammy Stoller. 2. Staff members: 1st row: Tammy Stoller, Rich Kline, Scott Close, Karla Bowen, and Angie Evans. 2nd row: Anissa Tickle, Jon Lloyd, Orle Nakama, Tanya

Clouse, Kara Fallis, and Sheila Chilcote. 3rd row: Leigh Fortne, Nikki Lloyd, Jeri Fortney, Angela High, Mira Backstrom, and Vic Rutledge. Absent: Angie Edsall, Missy Salazar, and Kelly Galloway



1. Photographers Scott Close, Karla Bowen, and Rich Kline. 2. Mrs. Clouse and Angie Evans selling cake raffle tickets to Mrs. Kreisler. 3. Vicky Rutledge, Leigh Fortney, Nikki Lloyd, Kelly Gallaway, and Tanya Clouse checking out the new yearbooks. 4. Angie ed-sall, Shawn Ernie, Jeri Fortney, and Karla Bowen at the Christmas party. 5. Angela High and Mira Backstrom watching "Hoosiers." 6. Kara Fallis, Greg Lunsford, and Mike Boroff checking out last year's O'Citian. 7. Angie Evans and Tammy Stoller at Adrian College workshop last June.





1. Carla Voltz, Kelly Agler, Pam Balliet, Missy Salazar, and Kara Fallis enjoying themselves. 2. Teachers and Board of Education members. 3. These people are having a good time! 4. Mrs. Cron admiring Gary Schaadt, Chuck Howard, Jon Lloyd, and Brad Baker in their tuxes. 5. Shawn Ernie reading the senior prophecy. 6. Tammy Stoller, Carla Voltz, Sheila Chilcote, Orie Nakama, Angela High, Tammy Overmyer, and Kara Fallis looking lovely in their formals. 7. Fun on the dance floor.



# There was excitement "In The Air Tonight" at prom



Many good times were enjoyed and memories created at the 1988 Junior-Senior prom. As you drifted through the grand entrance, you were greeted with a soft blue scene of clouds. Hot air balloons, clouds, dazzling stars, and bubbles disguised the gymnasium for the special evening and carried out the theme, "In the Air Tonight."

A delicious buffet was prepared by junior mothers. Everyone present enjoyed meatballs, cocktail hot dogs, cheese balls, vegetables and dip, and cookies. Music by "Unique Musique" was enjoyed by all. As the evening progressed, the Senior class prophecy, written by Angela High and Kara Fallis, was read by Junior class secretary Shawn Ernie.

Throughout the week, the ju-

niors, class advisors, a few parents, and some sophomore boys put forth a full-force effort to make the prom a success. Juniors felt that preparing for prom (and eating fast food from a different restaurant every night) was almost as much fun as attending prom.

Sophomores who were selected as prom servers were Tanya Clouse, Tina Murphy, Vicky Williams, Bob Rice, Tom Ries, Ryan Spieth, and Derek Stukey.

After-prom activities were continued at Max-a-rama Lanes in Van Wert.

The junior class felt a great sense of pride and accomplishment and hoped that everyone present enjoyed his or her time "In the Air Tonight."



1. Tanya Chavarria and date and Angie Evans and date. 2. Tammy Overmyer and date. 3. Prom servers: 1st row: Vicky Williams, Tina Murphy, and Tanya Clouse. 2nd row: Derek Stukey, Bob Rice, Tom Ries, and Ryan Spieth.



OC-L gym is transformed into an enchanted setting for prom for the last time





Page 62 — 1. Jon Rollins and date Karen Weck. 2. Shawn Ernie, Mike Jones, Karla Bowen, and Chris Frichard enjoying the evening. 3. Tina Eutsler, Lori Ainsworth, and Tim Braun. 4. Carla Voltz decorating the stage. 5. Brad Baker and Lydia Salazar discussing the lovely decorations. 6. Mira Backstrom and Pam Balliet on the dance floor. 7. Mr. Emmerine, Kent Linn, and Mr. Emmerine's guest relaxing. 8. Mothers' help is appreciated. Page 63 — 1. Carla Voltz entering the gym. 2. Music by "Unique Musique." 3. Karla Bowen and Shawn Ernie working on decorations. 4. Jeri Fortney, Karla Bowen and Lydia Salazar hard at work. 5. Monroe Murphy and Bob Rice putting up the sides.





# Students acquire skills and broaden abilities



1. Marlen de la Fuente works diligently on her spelling. 2. Josh Stetler concentrating on typing. 3. Tina Murphy and Stacy Wagoner psyching themselves up to sing. 4. In costume, Jeri Fortney gives the history of Halloween. 5. Leigh Fortney practices her CPR skills. 6. Tim Matthews takes a high jump! 7. Official Pleasantville taste-testers Angela High, Chris Marbaugh, and Chuck Howard.





CLASSES



# Imagination is the key to artistic talent

Art classes explored the field of archeology this year. The students discovered it to be tedious, but exciting, as they dug and measured "found" objects. The annual spring art show proved to be an excellent way to show off talent for several high school students. Miguel de la Fuente was awarded "Best of Show." High school and junior high classes visited the Toledo Art Museum. The elementary classes created a mural of OC-L School composed of various seeds. Talented and Gifted students studied architecture.



1. Fifth graders dig for unknown artifacts. 2. Art piece by Miguel de la Fuente. 3. The dig continues. 4. Miguel de la Fuente receives "Best of Show."





## Business classes: an important door to the future

Many students plan to begin a career immediately after graduation and take business classes to learn the skills needed in today's business community. Others want to learn skills that will apply to college classes or prepare them to type term papers, etc. Students learned the skills of typing, accounting, shorthand, managing money, and writing business letters. Word processing was taught for a semester. The classes were taught through application of skills and visits from guest speakers. The accounting class also took a trip to Dana Corporation in Ft. Wayne to learn more about the field of accounting.



1. Derek Stukey does not look happy as he works on a business math assignment. 2. Jeff Lape and Brad Baker concentrate on typing perfect lines. 3. Stacy Wagoner, Trisha Stuckey, and Kara Fallis correcting typing papers. 4. Shawn Ernie seems glad to be finished with shorthand for the day.

## French is the key to understanding a foreign culture

Through the four levels of French classes which are offered at OC-L, students learn about a large slice of a different culture. As students progress to higher levels in French I, vocabulary and verb conjunction are put into use through reading exercises. After studying French geography in French II, reading short stories in French is accomplished. But the biggest challenges are reading "Les Trois Mousquetaires" and "Le Comte de Monte Cristo." These two classics by Alexandre Dumas are read by the French III and IV classes. Throughout the year, French students have the opportunity to experience the French culture by preparing French food and by celebrating Mardi Gras. The final test of students' comprehension was the 15-day trip to France in June.



1. French classes release balloons during Foreign Language Week. 2. Tom Lyons enjoying crepes. 3. Scott Walker eating during Mardi Gras celebration. 4. Aaron Wortman and Jerry Kline preparing for balloon launch. 5. Rich Kline and Angie Edsall ready to brave the cold.

## English classes strive to gain the keys of communication

Through reading short stories, creating commercials, practicing grammar, writing children's stories, term papers, and poetry, OC-L students were offered a great opportunity to apply basic English skills and to prepare for college. As freshmen and sophomores, grammar, short stories, and novels are the main points of study. As juniors, students work on speech skills and create their own children's stories. The pressure's on as seniors write term papers. Juniors and seniors also work on Latin and Greek word clues. As students work throughout the year, they gain the important knowledge needed to communicate on the job or in college.



1. Chris Amweg and Donna Russell are overwhelmed by the information Mrs. Ainsworth is imparting. 2. Karla Bowen and Jeri Fortney giving speeches. 3. Jeri Fortney giving a speech about the history of Halloween.

## Home Ec. classes teach the key to independent living

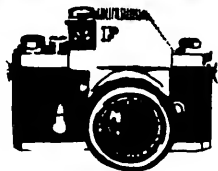
Through a variety of Home Ec. classes, OC-L students learn many new skills and ideas which will aid them in their adult lives. Cooking, sewing, designing home interiors, and child development are a few of the areas which the classes cover. Single living is also a class offered to older school students. The Home Ec. department took a trip to Wilson Corporation in Ada that coordinated with classroom work. The foods classes prepared a Thanksgiving meal. In May, the Home Ec. department held a nursery school for one week.



1. Karrie Wilson, Virginia Stoller, and Nikki Waterman in food class. 2. Monroe Murphy, Jamie Carr, and Mrs. Bowen during Thanksgiving meal. 3. Nursery school. 4. Cory Carmean and Karla Bowen help prepare Thanksgiving feast.

## Learning trades is the key to Ind. Arts students' futures

Through classes such as industrial experience, electricity, photography, and woods, students learn specific skills to apply to a certain trade. Electricity students learned the basics of electricity and wiring. They also did a project where their applied knowledge helped to create a working electrical piece. Woods classes learned how to create a variety of different items, while the industrial experience class produced a line of wall sconces. The sconces were then sold to interested persons and made great Christmas gifts. Many OC-L students found that working with their hands in an industrial arts class was an interesting and exciting break from regular academic classes.



1. Allan Murphy and Mr. Brown using the safety jig Mr. Brown designed for the table saw. 2. Sheila Chilcote working on wall sconce for industrial experience class.

## Math courses help unlock the door to analytical thinking

OC-L students have the opportunity to explore many different levels of math. Classes offered include general math, business math, Algebra I and II, geometry, and pre-calculus. Analyzing problems and checking answers are steps that are emphasized in every class.



## Computer class learns that keyboard keys control all computer processes

The computer class was taught by Mrs. Bowen this year. The class used programs including Atari Writer, Letter Perfect, and Print Shop. The students used Print Shop to illustrate stories written by the first graders. We compiled the stories into booklets, and the first graders were thrilled by the copies we gave each student. At the end of the year, we did simple programming and used SAM, a program which allows the computer to speak using a voice synthesizer.



Mike Boroff presenting booklets to Darcy Vaske and Matthew Hill.



## Music students give key performances

The OC-L music department stayed in tune all year. Starting in October, the choir performed a mini-concert for the grade school. The kids seemed to enjoy it, and it gave the choir members a chance to work out their nervousness before an actual performance. In December, the elementary and high school students spread Christmas cheer through their annual Christmas concert. Choir members went caroling to two area nursing homes. Pep band performed at home basketball games. In March, band and choir students participated in the solo and ensemble contests held in Lima. Also, band members took part in the All-County Band Concert held at Lincolnview. In May, grades 4-12 performed in a great spring concert, which was held in conjunction with the annual art show. After the concert, awards were presented to outstanding band and choir members.

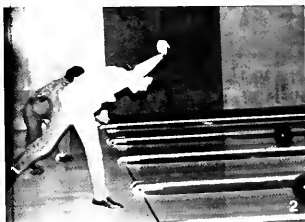


1. Choir performing during Christmas concert: Mr. Emerine, Stacy Wagener, Tina Murphy, Orie Nakama, Tanya Clouse, and Kelly Gallaway. 2. Kent Linn and Mr. Emerine at Shane Hill Nursing Home. 3. Accompanist Jon Lloyd. 4. High school band during spring concert.

# Health and Phys. Ed. students are "keyed up" for fitness

The physical education classes spent a busy and enjoyable year. It's always fun to take a break from academic classes and do something physical. We traveled to Wood's Golf Course to play a real game of golf and to Max-arama Lanes to perfect our bowling skills. While at OC-L, students learned the fundamentals of playing basketball, volleyball, tennis, hockey, soccer, and several other sports.

The freshman health class was required to learn CPR. We also had several guest speakers and movies about the effects of alcohol and drugs on the human body. We learned about venereal diseases and the dangers of AIDS.



1. Freshmen up to bat. 2. Tim Matthews shows his bowling form. 3. Jeff Lape and Anissa Tickle wait for their turn at bat. 4. Tennis pro Rich Kline. 5. Trisha Stuckey on balance board. 6. Aaron Wortman practicing CPR.





## Scientific method is proven to be the key to a successful experiment

Science classes offered this year were chemistry, biology, physical science, anatomy, and zoology. Chemistry class learned that through experimentation a substance can be identified. Biology students took their annual walk through the woods to look for botanical specimens. They also dissected earthworms and frogs. The zoology class shared its knowledge of animals with the fifth grade this year with a trip to the Toledo Zoo. Physical science studied the earth, atmosphere, and elements. Studying through dissection, the anatomy class learned about body organs, parts, and functions. They butchered and dissected chickens. Tammy Stoller and Angie Evans fried chicken for the class. An extended length of time was spent dissecting piglets (which each student named). The surgeons named best at tedious work were Rich Kline and Monroe Murphy. The class also learned the bones of the human body.



1. Lydia Salazar and Tammy Stoller dissecting their piglets. 2. Rich Kline butchering chickens. 3. Jeri Fortney and Mr. Matthias butchering chickens. 4. Shawn Ernie just loves this class! 5. Chemistry assembly about lasers.

# Social studies classes offer the key to the past, present, and future

OC-L students find that social studies classes provide a great opportunity to learn many historical facts about our country and the world. Government, economics, and geography are also taught. In November, the social studies department sponsored an assembly featuring Abraham Lincoln. A former teacher from Illinois, James A. Getty performed. He talked in the first person as if he were President Lincoln. At the end of the assembly, the audience asked Mr. Lincoln questions about his administration and personal life.



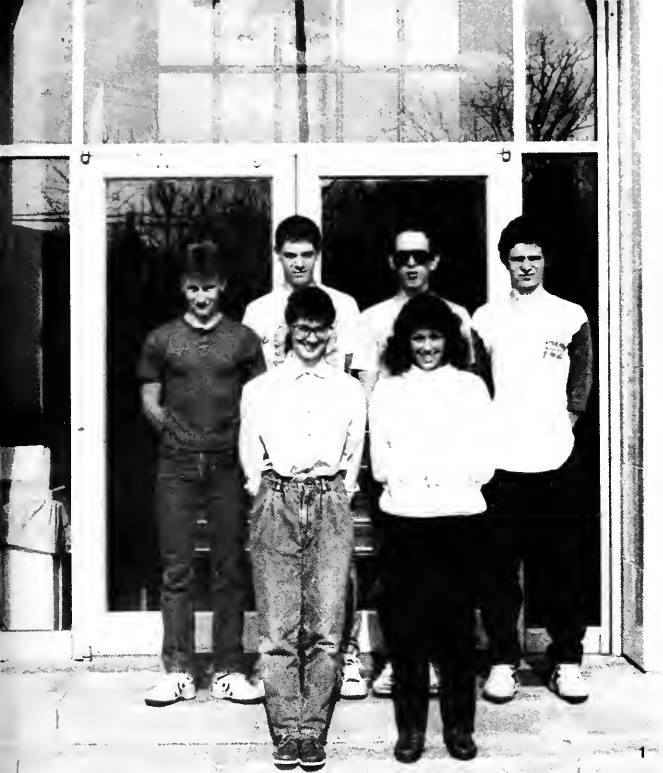
1. Actor James A. Getty as President Lincoln. 2. Seniors in government class during Spirit Week. 3. Clint Marbaugh and Jason Rollins. 4. Tim Matthews and Bob Rice in American History.

## 2nd Science Fair opens doors to research

The OC-L science fair opened up many doors to the world of science for students. On March 22, the second school science fair was held, with students in grades 5-12 participating. It was a day of anxiety for the 114 students who displayed projects varying from hamsters and reptiles to lightning, plants, and solar energy. Judging took place in the afternoon during an open house for all grades. Winners were announced the next morning, and cash prizes of \$10 for 1st place and \$5 for 2nd place were awarded.

Winners in chemistry were 1st place Angie Evans and 2nd place Tammy Stoller. In physical science, Jeremy Coutts placed 1st and Scott Walker, Jerry Freewalt, and Aaron Wortman tied for 2nd place. Scientific method winner was Jerry Freewalt. Eighth grade winners were John Eyink and Jeff Witting, 1st place, and Andrew Hill and Eddie Quinones, 2nd place. Stacy Ehman won 1st place for 7th grade, and Honorable Mention was given to Alecia Eller, Jason Freewalt, Chad Fallis, Brandy Friemoth, Jennifer Stetler, Teresa Gaskill, Shuntull Whited, and Melinda Ricketts. In 6th Grade, Jacque Heizman placed 1st, and Mandi Simon and Tara Chilcote tied for 2nd place. Amy Weaver and Jamie Matthews tied for 1st place in 5th Grade, and Jeremy Bankey and Jacob Jones tied for 2nd place. Science teachers coordinating the event were Mr. Matthias, Mrs. Philpot, Mrs. Bills, and Mrs. Bowen.

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1. High school winners: 1st row: Tammy Stoller and Angie Evans. 2nd row: Jerry Freewalt, Scott Walker, Aaron Wortman, and Jeremy Coutts. 2. Jr. High winners: 1st row: Teresa Gaskill, Shuntull Whited, Alecia Eller, Melinda Ricketts, Jennifer Stetler, Stacy Ehman, and Brandy Friemoth. 2nd row: Chad Fallis, Jason Freewalt, Jeff Witting, John Eyink, Andrew Hill, and Eddie Quinones. 3. Elementary winners: Row 1: Mandi Simon, Amy Weaver, and Jeremy Bankey. Row 2: Jamie Matthews, Tara Chilcote, and Jacob Jones.



## OC-L Spooks and Goblins

Who are these strange people? On my, it's the students at OC-L on October 29. Student Council sponsored a "dress-up" day for Halloween, which gave the students a chance to change their identities for a day. Everyone enjoyed the fun, but found it hard to concentrate in class when there was a talking pumpkin or a talking cat sitting beside you. Even the teachers got into the mood. Mr. Rase was dressed as his hero, Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics.

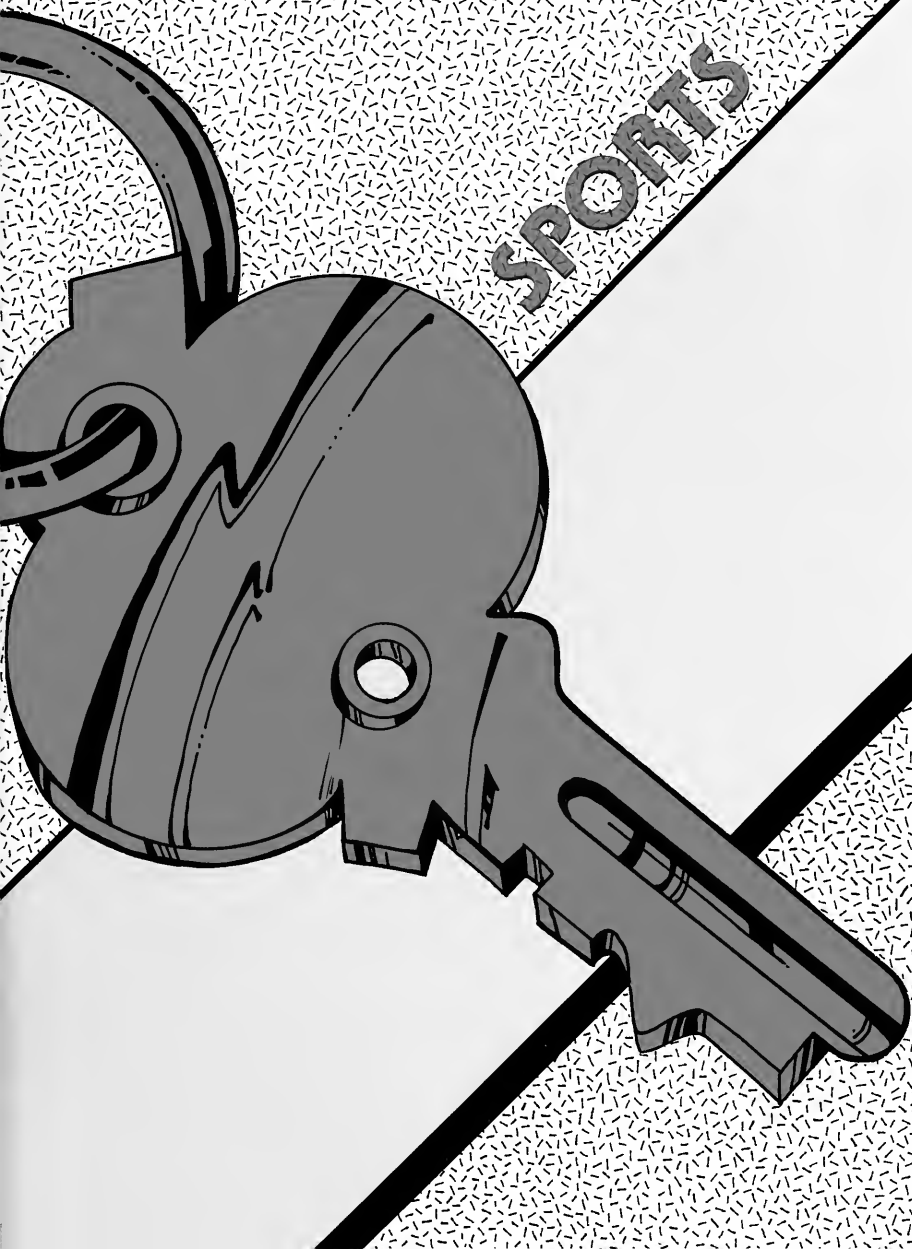
Awards were given during noon hour. "Most original group" winners were Jeri Fortney, Jennifer Stetler, Nikki Waterman, and Stacy Ehman. The "scariest" award went to Jon Lloyd. Mira Backstrom dressed as a pumpkin and won "Most original." "Cutest couple" winners were Orie Nakama and Angela High.



1. Weird creatures in the halls. 2. Who will the judges choose as "Most original?" 3. Is that headless monster really Jon Lloyd? 4. Lydia Salazar and Chad Walker. 5. Jeri Fortney, Jennifer Stetler, Nikki Waterman, and Stacy Ehman. 6. OC-L's very own clowns, Orie Nakama and Angela High.



SPORTS



# Volleyball teams learn that bumping, setting, and spiking are the keys to a great game

Reserve co-captains Anissa Tickle and Shawn Ernie



Angela High and Jeri Fortney returning the ball.



JV team: Row 1: Angie Edsall, Vicky Rutledge, Anissa Tickle, Pam Balliet, Mira Backstrom, Shawn Ernie, Tammy Stoller, and Tanya Clouse. Row 2: Manager Kelly Gallaway, Coach Patti Kreischer, and Manager Nikki Lloyd.

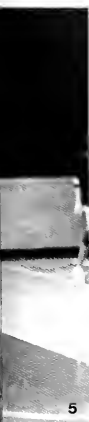




1. Varsity: Row 1: Manager Kelly Gal-  
laway, Coach Patti Kreischer, and  
Manager Nikki Lloyd. Row 2: Orie  
Nakama, Tanya Chavarria, Angie  
Evans, Jeri Fortney, Kara Fallis, An-  
gela High, Pam Balliet, Mira Backst-  
rom, and Karla Bowen. Absent,  
Kelly Agler. 2. Varsity Co-captains  
Angela High, Karla Bowen, Jeri Fort-  
ney, and Angie Evans. 3. Senior  
players, Kelly Agler, absent. 4. Kelly  
Agler serving. 5. Tanya Chavarria  
setting the ball. 6. Karla Bowen re-  
turning a hard serve.



Preparation for both  
teams began in August when  
Coach Patti Kreischer held a  
Midwest volleyball concepts  
camp for 3 long, sweaty  
days. During the season,  
both varsity and JV teams  
had many exciting matches.  
The JV team had some close  
games against Blackhawk.  
Both varsity and JV won  
against Mendon Union. At  
the season's end a fall sports  
banquet was held, and  
awards were presented. Ja-  
panese exchange student  
Orie Nakama won Most Val-  
uable Player.



# Warrior basketball teams show determination

Stats Mira Backstrom, Orie Nakama, Tanya Clouse, and Jon Lloyd.



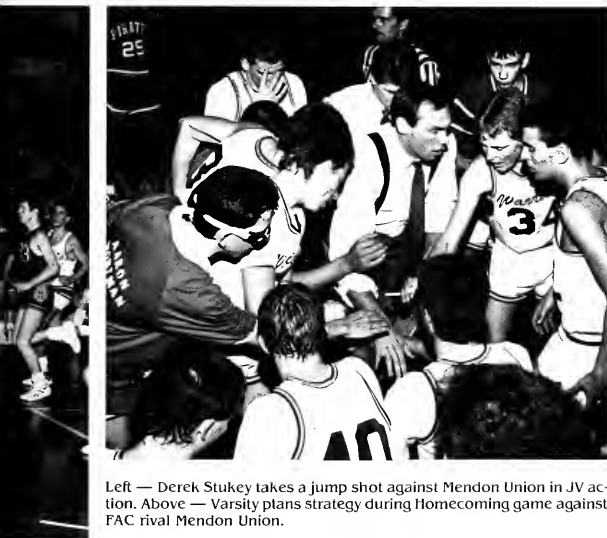
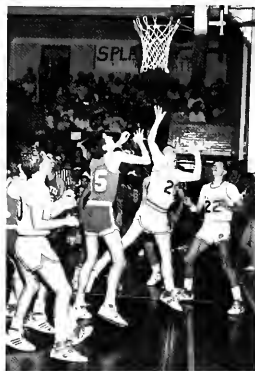
Varsity co-captains Rich Kline and Jon Rollins.



JV — 1st row: Manager Raymond Stevens, Tim Metz, Ryan Spieth, Jeremy Coutts, Clint Marbaugh, Adam Kimmel, Tom Lyons, and Manager Benji Salazar. 2nd row: Coach Randy Schrieber, Derek Stuke, Scott Walker, Tom Ries, Bob Rice, Jason Rollins, Aaron Wortman, and Coach Keith Scott.



Varsity — 1st row: Manager Benji Salazar, Coach Scott, Manager Raymond Stevens. 2nd row: Scott Close, Jon Rollins, Bob Rice, Aaron Wortman, Derek Stuke, Monroe Murphy, Scott Walker, Gary Schaadt, Rich Kline, Cory Carmean, and Josh Stettler. Absent — Chris Marbaugh.



Left — Derek Stuke takes a jump shot against Mendon Union in JV action. Above — Varsity plans strategy during Homecoming game against FAC rival Mendon Union.

The OC-L basketball teams proved that determination was their key strength during the season. Although the stats and scores weren't always in our favor, every Warrior fan in the gym could tell you that the mighty Warriors had fought the hardest. Varsity coach, Mr. Keith Scott, summarized the season by stating, "There was a lot of good to come out of this year. We showed people that, no matter what the situation, we are not going to quit. The seniors — Chris Marbaugh, Jon Rollins, Gary Schaadt, and Scott Close — provided us with leadership, while our underclassmen improved greatly."

When the varsity played against the Ansonia Tigers, they proved that they could play well against one of the better area teams.

The junior varsity team was coached by Mr. Randy Schreiber. After the JV played Temple Christian during a second FAC encounter, everyone in the crowd knew what a true comeback victory was.

The Warriors proved that the main key to the game was to play hard and never give up.

## Cheerleaders are the key to team support



Below: Mascot Leigh Fortney.  
Left: Pep rally.



Varsity squad: Kelly Gallaway, Tanya Chavarria, Angie Evans, Jeri Fortney, and Kara Fallis



1. Carla Voltz, Kara Fallis, Anissa Tickle, Jeri Fortney, Vicky Rutledge, Angie Evans, Lydia Salazar, Tanya Chavarria, Tina Murphy, and Kelly Gallaway. 2. Varsity cheerleaders during Homecoming game. 3. JV squad: Carla Voltz, Tina Murphy, Vicky Rutledge, Lydia Salazar, and Anissa Tickle. 4. JV supporting their guys.



As the OC-L basketball season began, the Warrior cheerleaders ignited the fuse for a year of super spirit. After attending Cheer Ohio at Kenyon College, the cheerleaders brought back many exciting spirit ideas, many red and blue ribbons, and, best of all, a big red Spirit Key! During the year, the cheerleaders held their annual bike-a-thon as well as hosting the pep rally dance. The dance featured the deejays MKO's (Music Knock Outs). Throughout the season the cheerleaders and pep club members supported their much-deserving guys by decorating their lockers and giving them extra-energy goodie bags.

# Softball season seemed long because of injuries to team members



1st row: Mira Backstrom, Anissa Tickle, Leigh Fortney, Tanya Clouse, & Orie Nakama. 2nd row: Lydia Salazar, Trisha Stuckey, Tina Murphy, Jeri Fortney, and Nikki Lloyd.

Softball conditioning began the first week in March in the gym. The season began on March 22 against Ft. Jennings. Wins during the season included scrimmages against Wayne Trace and Delphos Jefferson and a game against Frontier Conference rival Mendon Union.

Many injuries forced us to play with a very small team. Jeri Fortney, Trisha Stuckey, Nikki Lloyd, and Leigh Fortney were all injured at various times during the season. One game had to be forfeited because we couldn't field enough players.

Our coach, Jed Coutts, was forced to put up with a lot, but his patience held up; and we learned a great deal. The team gave him a ball cap at the end of the season that each player had signed.



2. Team members discussing strategy. 3. Nikki Lloyd, 3rd base. 4. Tina Murphy, 2nd base. 5. Team huddle.





1. Leigh Fortney, catcher. 2. Trisha Stuckey, shortstop. 3. Anissa Tickle, right field. 4. Jeri Fortney, shortstop. 5. Tanya Clouse, pitcher. 6. Co-captains Lydia Salazar and Jeri Fortney. 7. Waiting for the coach. 8. Lydia Salazar, 1st base. 9. Mira Backstrom, center field. 10. Orie Nakama, left field.

# Golfers' concentration is the key to making the "hole"

The 1987-88 golf team consisted of 10 players — 2 seniors, 2 sophomores, and 6 freshmen. The kids worked hard, played well, and did a nice job of representing OC-L. The year of match play experience will certainly prove helpful for all team members, but especially for our freshmen. Sophomore Derek Stukey won the Medallist award with a 47.2 average. Unfortunately, he broke his finger during the season. We say goodbye to seniors Chris Marbaugh and Scott Close. The future looks bright for these young linksters.



1. Tim Metz teeing off. 2. Co-captains Derek Stukey and Scott Close. 3. Jerry Freewalt putting. 4. Scott Close putting. 5. Team members: Row 1 — Jerry Freewalt, Tom Lyons, Tim Metz, Scott Walker, and Coach Clark. Row 2 — Jeremy Coutts, Tom Ries, Scott Close, Derek Stukey, and Josh Stetler. Absent: Chris Marbaugh. 6. Scott Walker. 7. Tom Ries. 8. Josh Stetler practicing putting. 9. Medallist Derek Stukey.



## Key plays help baseball team win

OC-L fielded a baseball team this year after a one-year hiatus. Key wins were against Frontier Conference rival Mendon-Union, county rival Lincolnview, and Minster. Team co-captains were Gary Schaadt and Scott Walker. Leading pitcher was Gary Schaadt. Leading hitters were Scott Walker and Cory Carmean.



1. Derek Stuke 2. Jerry Freewalt 3. Tim Metz 4. 1st row: Tim Metz, Aaron Wortman, Chuck Howard, Jerry Freewalt, and Jeremy Coutts. 2nd row: Chris Marbaugh, Gary Schaadt, Derek Stuke, Scott Walker, Cory Carmean, and Coach Randy Schreiber. 5. Aaron Wortman 6. Cory Carmean 7. Chris Marbaugh 8. Scott Walker 9. Jeremy Coutts 10. Chuck Howard 11. Gary Schaadt

## Jr. High team learns basketball basics



Troy Hoffman taking the ball down the floor against Mendon-Union.



1st row: Chad Fallis and Jeff Wittung. 2nd row: Kurt Kline, Manager Jay Zizelman, and Hollis Gaskill. 3rd row: Coach Jeff Jones, Chad Walker, Brad Agler, Brian Rickard, and Ben Salazar. Absent: Troy Hoffman.



The Warriors entering the gym in action against Mendon-Union.



Benji Salazar throwing the ball in



## Cheerleaders get elementary classes to back their team



Jr. High cheerleaders — 1st row: Co-captain Natalie Deam and Nikki Waterman. 2nd row: Brandy Robey and Co-captain Virginia Stoller. Standing: Sheri Adelblue.



1st row: Natalie Deam, Aleecia Eller, and Stacy Ehman. 2nd row: Carey Burke, Kristi Rice, Karrie Wilson, Jennifer Stetler, and Nikki Waterman.

Basketball fundamentals are learned through teamwork



Jennifer Stetler taking the ball down the floor.



Stacy Ehman wonders, "Will the ball go in?"



Nikki Waterman and Aleecia Eller warm up before the game.



Carey Burke watches as Aleecia Eller turns the ball.



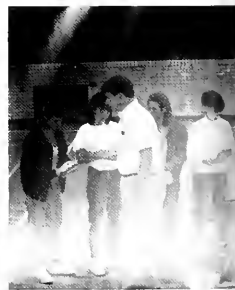
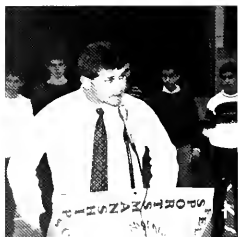
Coach Linda Stuke presents awards to Jr. High volleyball team members: Melinda Ricketts, Aleecia Eller, Sheri Adelblue, Stacy Ehman, Stat Leigh Fortney, Kristi Rice, Brandy Robey, Nikki Waterman, and Karrie Wilson.

VB team turns the key to a winning season



Jr. High VB and Girls BB 91

# OC-L athletes earn well- deserved awards



1. Coach Screiber and JV basketball team.  
2. Coach Scott presenting awards to Varsity basketball team. 3. Coach Clark with golf team. 4. High school cheerleaders receive awards from Mrs. Kreischer. 5. Coach Stukey presenting awards to Jr. High cheerleaders. 6. Jr. High boys' basketball receive awards from Coach Jeff Jones. 7. Mr. Brown gives softball awards. 8. Jr. High girls' basketball receive awards from Coach Tim Bolenbaugh. 9. Coach Kreischer presents awards to JV volleyball players.



**FACULTY**



# School Board and Administration open the door to a wider education for OC-L

The OC-L School Board made many decisions this year concerning the future of our school. From the beginning of the year, they studied the question of OC-L transferring to a neighboring school district. They appointed a 20-member advisory council to study the financial and curricular needs of OC-L. In December the board made the decision to transfer to Van Wert City Schools.

OC-L administration also prepared for state evaluation in December. School policies were prepared, and an on-site inspection checked to see if we were operating the school to meet minimum standards set by the State of Ohio. The school did pass the inspection with no major problems.



Board members: 1st row — Linda Mathews, board treasurer; Leslie Simon, Vice President; Becky Motycka. 2nd row — John Rollins, President; Ralph Evans; Gary Davis.

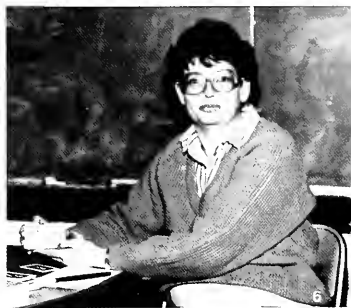


Mr. Robert Miller, superintendent.



Mr. Ronald Rase, principal

# Teachers hold the master key to unlock students' minds



As a school functions, there are many keys needed to become successful as an educational institution. A teacher must have the ability to open students' minds so each student will be able to unlock the doors of life in the future. We want to thank our teachers for their dedication, enthusiasm, and knowledge. The 'Citian staff asked the teachers what one experience each felt had opened doors for him or her. Below are their responses.

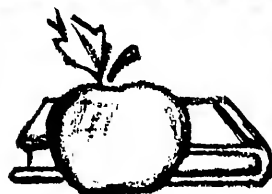
1. Mrs. Esther Schweyer, kindergarten. 2. Mrs. Rosie Smith, 1st grade. 3. Mrs. Sue Ellinger, 2nd grade. Working as a teacher's aide at Lincolnview opened doors for me. 4. Mrs. Marcia German, 2nd grade. The experience that I felt opened many doors was graduating from college. It allowed me to pursue the career I've always

wanted. 5. Mrs. Patti Kreischer, 3rd grade. Not only going to college, but being a resident assistant while there opened doors for me. 6. Mrs. Brenda Valentine, 4th grade. Being on the Jr. Fair Board while I was in high school. It was a great opportunity to meet other people and taught me how to handle responsibility being a secretary and while working on committees. 7. Mrs. Karla Bills, science and math, 5th and 6th. Going to college gave me the opportunity to choose to learn about almost anything I wanted to. Also, the experiences I gained, such as being exposed to a variety of people and seeing what life was like outside of my hometown, have helped make me who I am. 8. Mr. Keith Scott, social studies and English, 5th and 6th. Beating Scott High School in basketball my junior year in high school. Before the game, Scott was 17-2, and we were 5-14. No one gave us a chance, including ourselves. However, in double overtime, we prevailed. That night made me believe that sometimes the impossible can be achieved. 9. Mrs. Christine Heizman, learning disabilities. Attending college and earning teacher certification in 3 different areas.



## Teachers show that knowledge is the best key to success

1. Mrs. Connie Ainsworth, English and reading, junior class advisor. I feel that entering college exposed me to many opportunities and challenges. I met many new people, learned about various cultures, and was able to choose from a variety of courses. College allowed me to decide upon a career which has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people. 2. Mrs. Nancy Bowen, Home Economics, 7th grade math, computers, FHA and Student Council advisor. 3. Mr. Carl Brown, industrial arts, athletic director, A.V. coordinator, freshman advisor. 4. Mr. Ed Clark, social studies, guidance, golf coach, 7th grade sponsor. Without question — my formal education! 5. Mr. Ken Emerine, elementary and high school music, choir, band, junior class advisor. The experience of a college education has opened many doors for me. Not just in job-related opportunities but also in personal, financial, artistic, and performance opportunities. Many of my best friends and memories stem from my college experiences.







1. Mrs. Sharon Clouse, business, O'Citian advisor. Going to college not only helped me prepare for a career, but also helped me to become more independent. Also, living in Denver for 1 1/2 years broadened my horizons and gave me the opportunity to appreciate my family, friends, and the community we live in. It also gave me a love of traveling. 2. Mrs. Gwen Cron, English, French, Beta Club advisor, French Club advisor, scholastic bowl advisor. The job I had while I was a student in France gave me a broader view of the French people and a solid base for teaching later on. 3. Mr. Cal Fox, high school and jr. high math, 8th grade sponsor. 4. Mrs. Marie Markward, L.D. tutor, 8th grade social studies. Accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and basing my goals and decisions upon Him. 5. Mrs. Marlecia Smart, Jr. high English and reading, librarian, senior class sponsor. 6. Mrs. Cathy Philpot, Health, Phys. Ed., jr. high science, sophomore class advisor. It would be very difficult for me to pinpoint one experience alone. Being raised in a close family environment and having great parents as role models certainly had a major influence on my future. 7. Mrs. Mary Minnig, elementary and high school art, talented and gifted. The experience of college opened my eyes to the many opportunities available to me as an individual and as a female. I also came face-to-face with many facets of life such as different religions, cultures, and attitudes, which has helped me to be more accepting of all people. 8. Mr. Ron Matthias, science, guidance, scholastic bowl advisor.

# Supporting staff make things go smoothly at OC-L

As a key fits into a lock, we see that our supporting staff often do many things to make our school activities fit together. We must remember to thank those who perform special services to make things go smoothly. Whether a secretary, cook, bus driver, or aide, much hard work and effort is put forth; and we want you to know that your work is appreciated.



Mrs. Linda Mathews, Board treasurer



Cooks: Joanne Waterman, Carolyn Walker, and Teresa Quinones.



Mrs. Betty Fox, secretary



Mrs. Joan Ainsworth, secretary.



Mrs. Joyce Krugh, teachers' aide.



1. Bus drivers: Emily Werts, Basil Agler, and Portia Ainsworth. 2. Study hall monitor Jackie Stetler. 3. Asst. janitor Lori Ainsworth. 4. Custodians Basil and Lorene Agler. 5. Teachers' aide Joyce Eller. 6. Shirley Adelblue, cafeteria cashier and assistant librarian. 7. Phyllis Rice, teachers' aide.

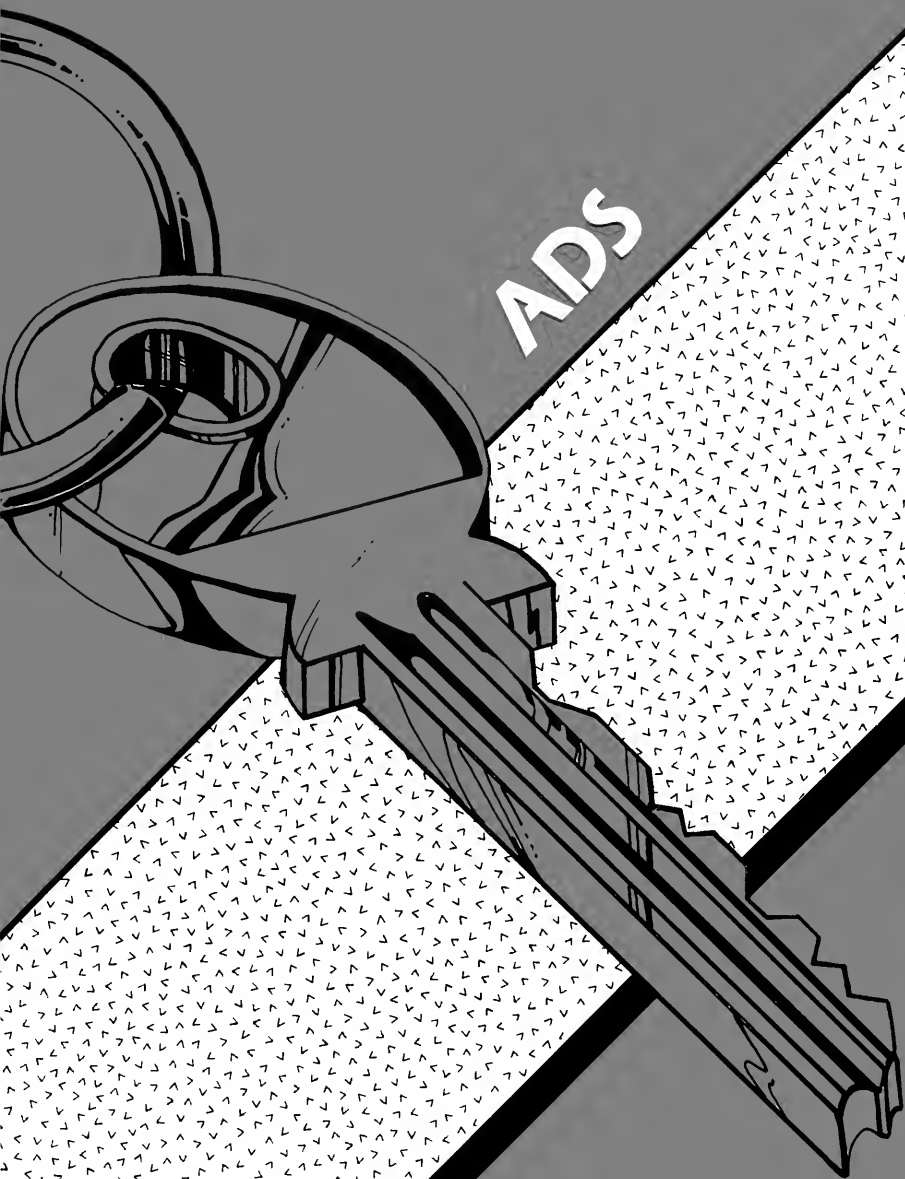
# Teachers at ease

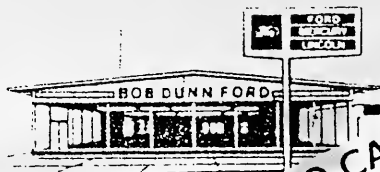


1. Mr. Emerine relaxing. 2. Substitute teacher Mrs. Connie Mosier. 3. Mrs. Stettler and Mrs. Smart grading those stacks of homework papers. 4. Mr. Scott talking to one of his ladies? 5. Mrs. Ainsworth helping 8th grade. 6. Mr. Clark looking up important info. 7. Mr. Brown hard at work in the shop.



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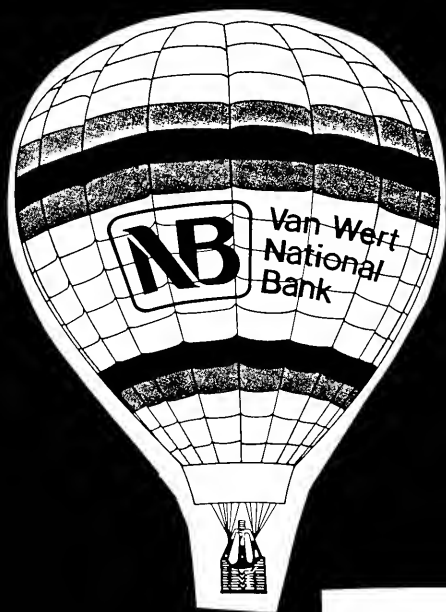
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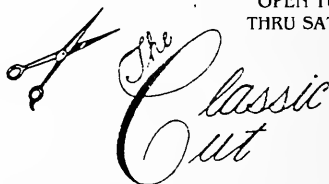


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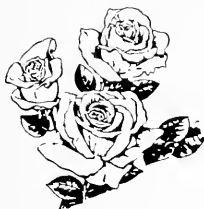
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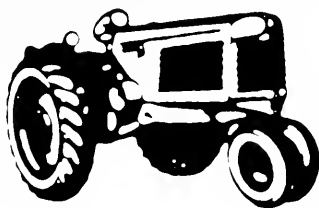


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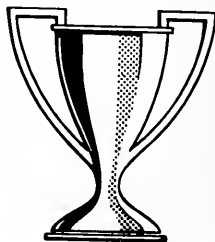
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Orie Nakama does without these things everyday in her home town, Okinawa, Japan. She lives there with her parents, Misao and Toskiko Nakama. She is their only daughter living at home. Her four older sisters are 31, 28, 24, and 29. Two are married, and the other two are living and working independently in Tokyo.

Arriving in America, Orie discovered a different world. "My first impression of the United States was 'very big!'" she exclaimed.

She says there is much more traffic in Japan. A person living in Okinawa can ride a bus, take a taxi, or walk to get to a job or school.

Classes in Japan are also different, she explains. Even though she wears a uniform to school, her schedule differs from day to day. Orie enjoys OC-L's food. In Japan the "brown bag lunch" is very popular since there is not a cafeteria.

Fish, rice, and vegetables are the main diet in Okinawa. Orie has found American food to be greasy but very good. Pizza Hut pizza has become her favorite food since her arrival. Eating out is not very common in the Nakama family, though they do have McDonalds, Dairy Queen, and many other fast food restaurants. "Food takes long time to prepare," she explains. "Here I discovered many instant foods including rice."

Madonna is also popular in Japan, says Orie. "Even though the words are in English and we don't understand it, we like the beat and still try to sing the words."

Many holidays are not celebrated the same. In Japan, they don't celebrate Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, and the Fourth of July, says Orie. They celebrate New Year's Day for 3 days. Many people visit the

temple to pray in those days, she explains. Children's Day along with Grandparent's Day, is remembered with family picnics and swim parties.

Could you imagine cheering on the mighty Warriors at a game of weekend ice hockey instead of a basketball game? Could you live without any french fries, potato chips, cakes, or cookies for a school lunch? If you think that is different, how would you feel about paying \$65 for one pair of jeans? Well, these are some of the differences that our Finnish exchange student, Mira Backstrom, had to adjust to.

Mira Birgitta Backstrom was born July 7, 1970. Her parents are Marji and the late Kalevi Backstrom. Mira and her two older brothers, Petri and Pasi, grew up in Forssa, Finland, a town of 20,000.

Since she came to the U.S., Mira has enjoyed her American family, the Scheidt's, Brad, Becky, Erin, and Kyle. Mira has also found her favorite American food to be pan pizza from Pizza Hut. But Mira does comment on the American eating habits: "First I liked it (junk food) since it was so different from ours, but now I'm getting sick of it. We (in Finland) eat a lot of fruit and vegetables."

Although Mira has adjusted well to the American way of life, she has come to the conclusion "I like it here, but you don't get bored so easily in Finland."

When Mira first came to OC-L, she felt very nervous about making friends, her classes, and how to act. But she soon started to feel more comfortable after she got involved by joining the school volleyball team. She also learned to appreciate the closeness of OC-L. "My school in Finland is totally different and definitely bigger. Our class schedule is different every day which makes school a little more interesting."

As Mira underwent a year of the American way of life, she learned that American people could be very open and friendly. She realized that there are many positive experiences that one could have by being an exchange student in the U.S., especially at OC-L.

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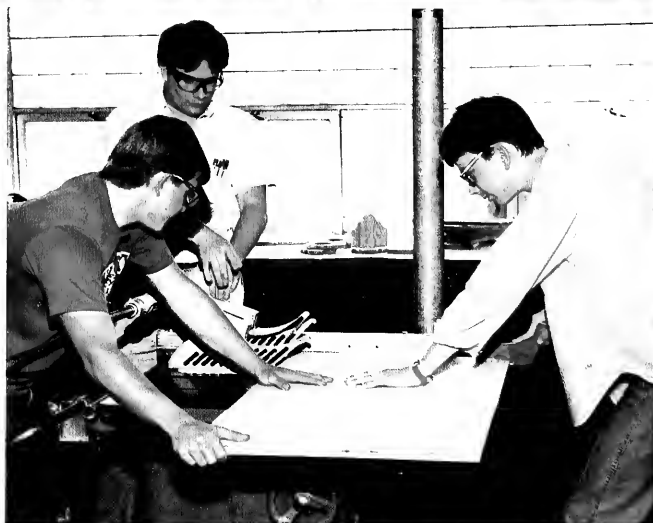
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## High school students take 1-day trip to Chicago



On May 23, 1988, at 7 a.m. the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes along with several teachers and parents took a 1-day trip to Chicago. The trip, which was taken to spend money from the classes' activity funds, was chartered through Summit Coaches. After a 2½ hour trip (complete with music) we made our first stop at the Sears Tower. Even though it was cloudy, the view and elevator trip were enjoyable. In the afternoon, students toured Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. After taking in a little of what Chicago has to offer, we headed home and arrived in Ohio City at 10:30 p.m.



# Elementary students in action in the classroom and playground



French students say  
"Au Revoir" to the  
U.S.A. and "Bon jour"  
to France.





On June 16, 1988, 14 OC-L French students, 4 advisors, and a large number of parents gathered at the school in great anticipation for the long-awaited departure to France. As the group started their trip to Dayton Airport, a stop was made in Celina to pick up 2 more advisors as well as 2 additional French students from Celina.

When we arrived in Dayton, we first had a delay; and then our flight to New York was cancelled. Plans were made to fly to Boston, stay overnight, sightsee for a day, and leave for Paris at 8 p.m. We saw many historic sights in Boston such as the Old North Church, USS Constitution, and Harvard campus. After a long day in Boston, we flew to Paris. Since we were ecstatic about finally landing on French soil, we found it very hard to sleep on the plane. After getting through customs and traveling to our hotel, we had our first opportunity to enjoy French cuisine. Then we took a 4-hour bus tour of Paris. We visited the Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and the Louvre.

The following week and a half were spent travel-

ing through France. We enjoyed Loire Valley and the French Riviera. After leaving France, we took a day to travel through Italy on our way to Geneva, Switzerland. During our 2-day stay in Switzerland, we visited the chic Chamonix ski resort, as well as visiting with 1987 OC-L exchange student Pas Gallachi.

Throughout the trip we had nice weather, a busy schedule, and only a few small emergencies. An example of a "small emergency" was when Tom Ries accidentally pulled the emergency cord on our overnight train trip. But after paying a 560 franc fine (\$100 US dollars), we all agreed that those are the things that make travelling interesting!

After departing from Geneva, everyone was anxious to get home. Whether it was special people we wanted to see, Pizza Hut pizza we wanted to eat, or just to sleep in our own beds, we all felt relieved and thankful to be home safely. As we stepped off our plane, our first sight was a large group of loving parents and special people who made us glad to be back in the good old U.S. of A.



As we look down the stairs and through the doors of OC-L one final time, we need to remember the good times of the past and look forward to the good times in the future. Even though some of our students and faculty will be in other locations, we will still be "Friends."

#### FRIENDS

by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Packing up the dreams God planted,  
In the fertile soil of you.  
Can't believe the hopes he's granted,  
Means a chapter in your life is through.

But we'll keep you close as always.  
It won't even seem you've gone.  
Because our hearts, in big and small ways,  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong.

And friends are friends forever,  
If the Lord's the Lord of them.  
And a friend will not say never,  
Because the welcome will not end.  
Though it's hard to let you go,  
In the Father's hands we know

That a lifetime's not too long,  
To live, as friends.

With the faith and love God's given,  
Springing from the hope we know.  
We will pray the joy you'll live in  
Is the strength that now you show.

But we'll keep you close as always.  
It won't even seem you've gone.  
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